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COLLINGWOOD AND CARLTON GET WARNING Editorial

The various major State competitions have almost all come to a close for 1996. Victoria has its Grand Final this coming weekend. Yet September's temperatures are usually cool to mild as Spring comes in from the Equinox around the 21st.

Is it possible that the State leagues start and end too early?

Wouldn't it be better to have the Grand Finals at the end of September? After all few if any of the teams in the top Premier, Super or First divisions these days share their ground with a cricket team.

The original reason for soccer completing its programs in late August or early September was for cricket to enjoy its six months when the two used the same facility.

The national league is now known as a 'Summer' competition. It tends to kick off in October, the middle of Spring, and conclude in April which of course is Autumn. Strange we say it is summer football.

If State Leagues came to a close in late September then any built up enthusiasm could be translated through to the national league.

Additionally those players and parents involved with junior soccer, of which there are well over one million children and adults across the country, could be encouraged to get out and watch the Finals series of their respective major State competitions.

Their commitments tend to be completed by the end of August, leaving September free to attend games.

It is only in NSW where the winners of the various Association First Divisions go on to play in the State wide Champion of Champions. This exciting but under publicised competition, for elite teams, takes place during September.

There is no reason why the Finals of this unique test of ability couldn't be played as a part of the Super League Grand Finals carnival on the same weekend.

When Mum and Dad have stopped running their children to soccer and netball, or whatever, during August, they have built in the time to do this. Suddenly they have free weekend time because the grass doesn't need constant cutting and trimming.

This is the exact time to give them something else to do — follow their local team at the top level.

It's worth thinking about, isn't it? Nothing ventured, nothing gained, as the saying goes.

— Bob Brooks

BY BOB BROOKS

Well, well, well predictably the AFL are throwing their weight around with Collingwood and Carlton. Not surprisingly they're attempting to stop the two clubs from putting soccer teams into the Ericsson Cup.

When it's realised that AFL clubs in Melbourne rarely play at their home grounds then a game of soccer on them during the 'footie' off-season is a great idea.

AFL matches in Melbourne are dragged into the MCG on Friday nights, Saturdays and

Sundays. Considering the huge crowds that top games attract in the Victorian capital then having them at the 100,000 capacity stadium makes sense.

Access for getting to and from games is superior at the MCG. Spectator facilities are first class. Maybe the pies are better, too.

However, for a football code ruling body to try to dictate to clubs what they can and can't do with their grounds is antiquated thinking. Apparently it's all right to have cricket on the AFL home grounds but not soccer. Most unreasonable!

Surely the AFL ruling body cannot be concerned that



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soccer will replace Aussie Rules as the most popular sport at Collingwood or Carlton. Oh, that it was possible, but it's only a dream. To the AFL, maybe a nightmare.

Certainly Carlton, who are scheduled to enter the Ericsson Cup in 1997, are off and running. They have already sent out invitations to become Foundation Members of their Soccer Club. The cost is a mere \$1,000 and doubtless some folks will have taken up the offer.

A professional approach in marketing from the newcomers will doubtless be a good lesson for existing Ericsson Cup clubs. South Melbourne are already picking up their game in this area and they are to be congratulated.

The days of well-meaning but untrained people in top management positions at Soccer clubs are rapidly coming to an end. And about time too. It is pointless having well qualified and highly competent coaches and outstanding players when the CEO and Marketing people are not up to the job.

The arrival of the AFL clubs in soccer should be welcomed. The expansion of AFL clubs into other sports is a wonderful move for their membership.

Newcastle United in England was not stopped by the FA from owning a Rugby Union club. Barcelona has a number of different sports operating under its name.

As John Elliott, Carlton President says, "If we were lucky enough to get somebody who could be an international star, that's probably worth more than the whole AFL dividend in one year".

That says it all. The World Game could return more to Carlton in an overseas transfer fee for just one player than the ruling body of Aussie Rules returns to the club in a year.

That is an extremely revealing fact. This may encourage major Rugby League clubs to follow the example of Aussie Rules rivals to get into Soccer in a big way.

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Australia Off To South Africa

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Eddie Thomson, Australia's national coach, flew out of Sydney last night, (Monday) bound for South Africa to contest the "Simba Cup", a four-nation tournament, armed with a very much understrengthed squad.

Australia play three matches Ghana this Saturday, South Africa a week tomorrow, and late replacement, Kenya on Saturday the 21st.

Australia's first two matches against the athletic Ghanaians and the tenacious South Africans will prove to be very tough for the Australians.

The second clash against the rapidly improving hosts especially, will really stretch Australia.

South Africa recently pulled off two very impressive draws against Germany and Italy.

Originally the Congo, was included in the tournament, but last week the Congolese inexplicably pulled out of the tournament forcing the South African promoters to hastily

draft in Kenya as a replacement.

Understandably no overseas-based Australian players were considered for selection by Thomson for this South African tour as all would have faced great difficulties in obtaining clearances from their respective British and European Clubs who have all kicked off their domestic Leagues.

Australia's World Cup skipper Paul Wade, as well, was not considered for selection.

So depleted has Thomson been left for players, he has been forced to upgrade three members of Australia's recent Atlanta Olympic Games team into the senior squad.

Adelaide City's talented goalkeeper Jason Petkovic, Brisbane Strikers' attacking right midfielder Sean Cranney and Collingwood Warriors' newly-signed wing-back Goran Lozanovski, have all been selected by Thomson for this tour.

However Thomson was not too happy having to fly to South Africa for this sudden tournament as most members



Alex Tobin: Skipping the Australian team in South Africa in the Simba Cup.

of his squad are nowhere near their peak fitness.

"I must admit that I'm far from happy having to go there at this very early stage of our season when we are so very

under-prepared.

"I just hope that we get better and stronger as the tournament progresses as we are badly short of match practice.

"The senior members of this squad have not played an international since last February when we faced Sweden who toured here.

"Levels of fitness is my big worry for the moment.

"Still we badly need these rare invitational matches that will provide us with much-needed international opposition.

"We have World Cup qualifiers starting next June.

"As well, don't forget we still have to play Tahiti, away and home in October and November to qualify for the prestigious Confederation Cup in Saudi Arabia for which Germany, Mexico, South Africa and Uruguay have all already qualified," explained Thomson.

Thomson assembled Australia's travelling squad of 18 yesterday noon, at the Brighton Novotel Resort in Sydney.

Australia's Travelling squad:

Goalkeepers: Jason Petkovic, Zeljko Kalac.

Defenders: Goran Lozanovski, Tony Popovic, Milan Blagojevic, Alex Tobin, Milan Ivanovic, and Robbie



Jason Petkovic: Promoted to the full international side from the Olympic team.

Hooker.

Midfielders: Sean Cranney, Ernie Tapai, Craig Foster, Andrew Marth, Damian Mori, Jason Polak

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LIVERPOOL SIGN AUSSIE YOUTH

JOHN ECONOMOS

Liverpool F.C., last Sunday afternoon snapped up a brilliant 17 year old Australian international midfielder on a two year professional contract, after he had been turned away by his Sydney Club who firmly believed that the kid had no future.

But not discouraged, this 17 year old, who is highly rated by Eddie Thomson, was ultimately released by his Sydney Ericsson League club on a free transfer at the end of last season.

The bewildered "mystery young player" who played for Australia's Under 17s last year in Ecuador at the World Championships, and even starred against Brazil, left at the end of last season for trials in Italy and England.

But his ambitiously aggressive Sydney Agent, had also arranged trials for the young Aussie at Liverpool with former England great, now the Reds Director of Youth Development, Steve Heighway.

The kid had to report for trials at the famous Anfield Stadium on July 28th.

After three arduous weeks, the legendary Heighway evaluated and stated, "This kid can be anything he wants. He can achieve anything here in England, as he has the talent to do so."

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COACHING ON THE ILLAWARRA

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Brandon Park, almost in the centre of Wollongong, from Monday to Friday starting on September 30.

Nick Theodorakopoulos, Wolves Ericsson Cup coach is leading the sessions with Matt Horsley to teach about defending, Tony Perinich how to score and Brett Hughes on the goalkeeper's role.

Jim Patikas, a seasoned Australian international, with overseas playing experience, is a special guest coach. Other Wolves first teamers will assist as required.

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— BY BOB BROOKS —

Joe Spiteri travelled from Atlanta home to Melbourne. He couldn't go to England for a promised trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers due to strict work permit requirements.

Joe has an Australian passport and needs to have played 75% of internationals for his country in recent times to qualify more easily for a work permit.

He is disappointed at not getting a chance to show his ability with Wolves and is looking forward to strutting his stuff in South Africa with the Socceroos.

He appears to have the talent to do well overseas. His opportunity may come in the not too distant future.



Across the desk came news of last Sunday's Family Fun



Joe Spiteri: His opportunity of overseas success will arrive in the future.

**South Melbourne Soccer Club are certainly off on the right foot with publicity.



Day. A chance to meet the Senior team, have photos taken and grab an autograph were amongst a host of activities taking place.

Hope the day was a success for The Lakers.

**Aurelio Vidmar's new club in Spain, Tenerife

certainly won well last week. 6-0 was the score line.

Tenerife is situated in the Canary Islands which are a province of Spain. The Islands have a population of just over 1.5 million.

They are a popular holiday resort for northern European people.

**After nine years the NSW State Office of the Commonwealth Bank have decided to not renew their sponsorship of the Bill Turner Cup.

This is recognised as the biggest knock out sporting competition in the world by none other than the Guinness Book of Records. Over 700 high schools started on the trek to the Finals.

Tomorrow night at the



Breakers Stadium in Birmingham Gardens the Final takes place at 7.30pm preceded by the third and fourth place playoff.

This looks like a golden opportunity for a sponsor to plug into a great product. The lucky organisation sits back and receives a large amount of publicity for virtually no work.

We're talking a little over \$20,000 as a starting figure. Now that's good value in



anybody's language.

**Things are on the move at NSW Soccer Federation club, Sydney Districts. They finished runner up in Division 2 and are hopeful of promotion to Division 1.

They're actively looking

for an established ground near to the centre of Sydney, which must be enclosed. They have a number of irons in the fire.

However they have an option to buy their existing ground for \$1.2 million. Their Social Club committee are



examining ways of financing such a deal.

**Greystanes won NSW Soccer's Second Division and to move up the first team must leave Bathurst Street. That'll be a big wrench.

Where to go is the decision. Could be Garside Park at Granville could see top line soccer once more. It is certainly not too far from Greystanes.

**The Johnnie Walker Cup is now underway with



Ericsson Cup clubs competing plus three guest sides.

The South Australia Soccer Federation has a representative side going in against league newcomers, Collingwood Warriors.

According to reports reaching this office the Rep XI held Adelaide City to a draw and recently beat West Adelaide.

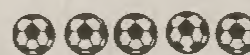
**Although the Federal Government has decided to continue the current level of funding of the AIS,



nevertheless sport has not been exempt from funding cuts.

Over \$20 million has been cut from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). Consequently, the ASC has removed \$80,000 from the management subsidies of Soccer Australia.

Other major sports have suffered similar costs. Strangely 20 jobs will be lost at the AIS as the ASC reduces its administrative costs by \$2.7million according to reports received.



FALCONS DOWN LAKERS

Unfancied Gippsland Falcons secured a bruising 2-1 victory over South Melbourne in a Johnnie Walker Cup first round first leg match at Bob Jane Stadium on Saturday night.

The Falcons had four triallists from Victorian league side Port Melbourne in their lineup but their inexperience in the top flight never showed through.

Former Hungarian first division star Alex Duric was causing allsorts of problems with surging runs.

South's Mick Petersen slipped on the greasy surface in his own penalty area, handling the ball on the way and referee Gerry Connolly pointed to the spot.

Krnecvic converted from the spot-kick and the Falcons had a deserved lead after 20 minutes.

South equalised with its first real attack, when Vaughan Coveny crossed to Spink, who scored with a header.

Minutes later Willie Hastie, a Port Melbourne recruit, hit a curling corner to Carlo Villani which he crashed into the roof of the net with a powerful header.

In the second half South chased the equaliser from the kick-off and was awarded a penalty when goalkeeper Jim Kouritis upended Jason Polak.

Steve Panopoulos hit a tame strike which Kouritis had no trouble saving and the Falcons went on to victory.

Knights too good in Canberra

Melbourne Knights coach Ian Dobson says his team still has a lot to do despite winning its opening Johnnie Walker Cup match 2-1 against Canberra Cosmos at Bruce Stadium last Saturday.

Without Pondejak, who scored one goal and laid on

the other, the result could have been very different.

Cosmos had three clearcut chances during the first half.

In the 3rd minute a David Milin cross was met superbly at the far post by Richard Wilson, bringing an equally superb save from goalkeeper Vilson Knezgovic.

Michael Garcia rammed a 25-metre shot from outside the penalty area but straight at Knezgovic.

Cosmos finally got a reward for their efforts in the 60th minute with a goal which brought the Bruce Stadium crowd to its feet.

Mladin Rogic, playing only

his second senior game for the club, took the ball on a 40-metre run from deep inside the Canberra defence.

He slipped a pass to Tony Lemezina, received the ball back, then chipped in a cross for Lachlan Armstrong to crack into the roof of the net.

The lead lasted just four minutes. Pondejak received the ball in front of goal and beat the defence with a burst of speed before directing his shot past Danny Milosevic.

With four minutes left substitute John Markovski headed the winner for the Knights.

LOGO CHANGE

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Sydney United has resolved its logo dispute with Soccer Australia.

Club members have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a new logo to comply with SA's ruling to avoid foreign symbolism.

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JRP - SELLING "FIELDS OF DREAMS" TO JAPANESE

BY HENRY WIZGIER

In last week's edition we covered visits to Australia by budding Japanese soccer players and coaches. This week we talk about the company who make it possible.

All of these Japanese "Soccer Camp" visits have been arranged by a North Sydney based Company "Japan Research and Promotions" who have been quick to realise the enormous potential in these "fields of dreams".

The dreams being the ultimate goal for millions of Japanese kids, both male and female, of playing professional football which is now a gigantic multi-billion dollar industry in what is being dubbed, "The Land Of The Rising Football."

In a recent poll carried out among Japanese parents guess

which career most would prefer their sons to enter?

Here's a clue. Its sport and it ain't Sumo Wrestling or baseball.

The Managing Director of JRP is Mr. Michihiko Tamba. He and his right-hand man Richard Vischer cleared up a few more points and queries.

I asked them why these young Japanese students go so far and spend so much money to be coached in soccer, when Japan has excellent foreign coaches and facilities right there?

Michihiko Tamba cleared that one up. "There are not many good quality "Youth Development" programs in Japan and also, it is actually cheaper for young Japanese to go abroad than to receive soccer coaching in Japan."

I suggested that most young Australian would laugh at the idea of spending their holidays in a camp.

"Let me emphasise that it's not a holiday, they take it very seriously. It's pure, intensive training," Richard Vischer pointed out.

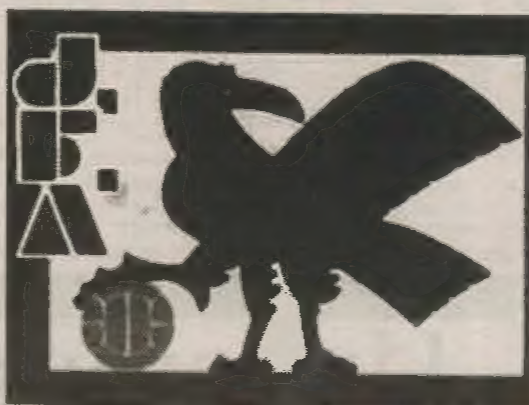
So where does Australia fit in the scheme of things? Which is the most popular destination?

Mr. Tamba. "Naturally, Brazil. Particularly one soccer camp which was started by Zico recently."

"He played in Japan for many years and is still very popular there."

JRP began by arranging education-related services for Japanese students. How did they get into this area of soccer, I asked?

"We were looking for a highly-structured sports program to sell to Japan because anything you sell to the Japanese in either tourism or education, has to be very well structured and detailed," Vischer said.



"We came across Richard Alagich by chance and found that his program met all the criteria. We knew there was a market in Japan for specialised youth soccer coaching and so it all fell in together perfectly."

Japanese business methods as practiced by JRP are not only thorough, but the timing is impeccable.

"We are also targeting the Sydney Olympics and expect a boom in Japanese visits as we approach the year 2000," added Mr. Tamba. Naturally, a good percentage of that extra influx is expected to be young Japanese footballers.

Australia and Japan have one thing in common — in both countries, soccer is the number one participation sport

— by a mile.

Whereas for young Australians it remains a week end pastime, while the pursuit of a career — an impossible dream, for their Japanese equivalents, fame and fortune playing their favourite game is not only tangible, but a realistic aim now.

However, JRP are as quick to pounce on a half chance as Jurgen Klinsmann in the penalty box and are already talking about using their influences and contacts within the J-League to help young Australian footballers to go in the opposite direction.

Mr Tamba reminded me that theirs is an "exchange" program which means a 'two-way flow' of traffic and what better way to even up the balance than helping young Aussie players to make a career in the J-League — one of the richest football leagues in the world.

JRP are not dealing in a multi-billion dollar industry, but if they were, perhaps Australia's massive foreign trade balance would be quickly slashed.

There are certainly Australian businesses out there who could learn a lesson or two from the foresight, efficiency and hard work which this small company puts into their chosen field.

I also suspect that if this company had Rupert Murdoch's multi mega millions to play with — soccer in Australia would rapidly become the big sport and business it has threatened and promised to be for well over a century now.

If there are any business people reading this who are wondering how to break into the yen market — contact the Japan Research Company for some advice (Soccer Australia, perhaps?)



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Keep up good work Olympic

Dear Sir,
The bottom line of Soccer Australia's campaign to rid our game of foreign insignia is simple and basic. Rightly or wrongly, uncommitted Australians have always and will always baulk at participating in a sport that is perceived to be the preserve of foreigners.

The Sydney Uniteds and Marconis of Australian soccer have never and will never get beyond the 10,000 spectator mark, for the simple reason that their nationality base is limited.

Until "foreign" clubs make themselves attractive to mainstream Australia, the world's most popular sport will always remain a backwater here.

Face it, soccer itself needs no promotion; that's obvious

from its universal popularity. In Australia, the spark needed to ignite the game rests on retaining a substantial proportion of the half million youngsters who cut their teeth on soccer.

Personally, as an ex-Pom, I would discourage my kids from joining a club that I perceived to be foreign, no matter what the attractions. And obviously my sentiments are wide spread in the Australian community. This is Australia, not England, not Chile, not Germany.

David Hill is to be highly praised for having the guts as well as the foresight to see the wood for the trees. He has the support of every genuine Australian soccer fan.

Laurie Stott
Clifton Beach, QLD

NBL role model?

Dear Sir,
The NBL (Basketball) has announced that from 1998 they will change from a winter to summer season for commercial reasons the main one being their inability to compete with mainstream OZ sports.

Some months ago I alluded to the fact that the NBL boom had run its course. Even a dream run at the Olympics with unprecedented positive publicity and exposure has not resulted in a meaningful turnaround in this situation.

Australian Basketball and Soccer are in some ways similar with both being non mainstream OZ sports having large numbers of recreational players resulting in the same end problem.

On the other hand the differences between the NBL and the A League are striking.

The NBL has no ethnic baggage or tradition. It's image is good. It is well promoted and marketed on professional levels.

Basketball rarely if ever gets bad publicity or is involved in scandal, corruption, violence, controversy, division, or public slanging matches and wrangling.

The NBL clubs are all structured to appeal to the mainstream with wholesome and marketable names as well as logos of course.

In other words the NBL is everything the A League is not but what SA want it to be. Despite this it is failing to sustain itself and has lost its momentum. The TV ratings which for a long time have been very poor despite being shown on Commercial TV only underline the problems that the NBL face.

I ask you in all honesty how can the brains trust at SA make soccer a mainstream OZ sport using basketball's NBL as a model?

As they say I'd like to see that!

R. Melor,
Bondi, NSW.

Culture Questions

Dear Sir,
I would like to make a few comments about Diana Fabac's letter in the 27/8 edition of ABSW.

I can understand that Diana feels her culture has been discriminated against by the recent actions and unfair demands placed on all clubs in the League by Soccer Australia.

However, the comments made by Diana in her letter have offended myself and other supporters of my beloved UTS Olympic.

I was not surprised to see two references to Olympic in Diana's letter, and this saddens me.

Instead of making accusations about other teams, their facilities and the like, we as fans of the NSL should join together and support all teams in the

League as they face more obstacles from Soccer Australia.

Diana, the message portrayed in your letter is exactly the reason SA wants to abolish all ethnic references to teams in the NSL.

SA believes we are too ethnic-orientated, and using your letter as an example would prove their point.

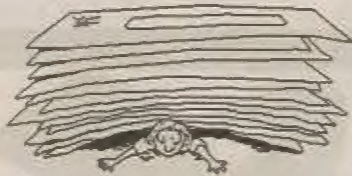
We are all Australians, regardless of our culture or background, supporting the progress of Australian soccer. Please, don't jeopardise the future of our game and talent.

Voice your disapproval at Soccer Australia, but don't bring other teams into your argument unless it will benefit our League.

P.S. Good Luck Olympic!
Simone Dougeris;
Sydney, NSW.

Letters to the Editor

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Short letters of about 400 words will be given preference in this column.

The opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily reflect those of this newspaper

Uncommitted Baulk at Participating

Dear Sir,
The bottom line of Soccer Australia's campaign to rid our game of foreign insignia is simple and basic. Rightly or wrongly, uncommitted Australians have always and will always baulk at participating in a sport that is perceived to be the preserve of foreigners.

The Sydney Uniteds and Marconis of Australian soccer have never and will never get beyond the 10,000 spectator mark, for the simple reason that their nationality base is limited.

Until "foreign" clubs make themselves attractive to mainstream Australia, the world's most popular sport will always remain a backwater here.

Face it, soccer itself needs no promotion; that's obvious from its universal popularity.

In Australia, the spark needed to ignite the game rests on retaining a substantial proportion of the half million youngsters who cut their teeth on soccer.

Personally, as an ex-Pom, I would discourage my kids from joining a club that I perceived to be foreign, no matter what the attractions. And obviously my sentiments are wide spread in the Australian community. This is Australia, not England, not Chile, not Germany.

David Hill is to be highly praised for having the guts as well as the foresight to see the wood for the trees. He has the support of every genuine Australian soccer fan.

Laurie Stott
Clifton Beach, QLD

MIGRANTS APOLOGETIC

Dear Sir,
Mr. Melor's ruthless but accurate appraisal (ABSW 3/9/96) of Granville's performance as a club of long standing in Australia would seem to give his argument against Soccer Australia's drive to change the character of our National competition a hands down victory. My own club of childhood Canterbury Marrickville has suffered a similar fate to Granville. Yet, his argument is not conclusive.

True the migrants never lost faith in the worthiness and superiority of their game and put their hearts and

money into it. They knew they had the jewel in the crown. The migrant-backed clubs have prospered yet they're still at the margin.

They're not the ones pulling the big corporate dollars. They're not the ones with the fawning media coverage. They haven't made the next advance which is to take centre stage and have the people in the pubs and the kids in the schools talking about them. Why should they hide at the edge?

They seem apologetic and defensive about their success. They put their hand up as a proud example of a successful

cultural and ethnic activity not as a brash proud Australian achiever that's demanding it's share of attention.

Doing it the way they're doing it doesn't really make them much better than poor old Granville, does it?

The issue is not diversionary, it really matters. Our kids have to leave Australia in large numbers to play at a high level. A land with our sporting heritage should be able to offer them more opportunities.

Tony Muscat,
Lugarno, NSW



Dave Ratcliffe coach of UTS Olympic

Have your say

Dear Sir,
Reference your editorial (27.8.96) that the controversy and publicity on the ethnic logo issue "may have done much more harm than good", I disagree with your view.

It has been fantastic to hear Soccer being widely discussed on the media, particularly radio interviews and talk back.

The issue has several aspects, sporting, social, ethnic, and political.

My own view is a democratic one, that if the ethnic clubs wish to continue their own nationalistic way, let them form their own league.

Other clubs who have no other wish than to play Australian Soccer form an alternative league.

Hopefully, everyone would be satisfied.

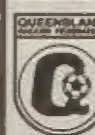
You may wish to know I had to visit a number of newsagents to buy your edition dated 27.8.96 covering the issue of ethnic logos.

The controversy has obviously benefited your publication and Soccer in general.

V. Mold,
Mt. Barker, SA.



"I saw exactly what you did, Number 6"



DIRECTOR OF COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

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COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

THE ECSTASY AND THE ... ?

The Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup team from Wagga Wagga's Koorringal High reached ecstatic heights as the final whistle sounded in their 1-0 Quarter final win over Dubbo High.

For the first time ever a school from the Riverina Area and arguably west of the Great Dividing Range had made it to the Final Four series to be played in Newcastle.

Coach, Kingsley Ireland and Manager, David Dunn could hardly wait to send the message to Senior Manager, Terry Hampton that Koorringal was the school to join St Josephs, Nudgee (Qld), Patrician Bros. Fairfield, and Holy Cross Ryde.



Koorringal are scheduled to play Patrician Bros. Fairfield at 7.30pm at Breakers Stadium, Birmingham Gardens following the Nudgee v Holy Cross match at 6.00pm.

The Quarter Final played at Rawlings Park was a good spectacle despite the wet and

slippery conditions. Dubbo's Goalkeeper, Aaron Morris stood out with some excellent saves which earned him three points in the Star Player Series along with Koorringals Sweeper, Don Wright.

Both sides had their chances but solid defence held the score line level until the 28th minute.

From a corner kick taken by Simon Hersom the ball landed on the penalty spot and Gavin Case shot for goal only to see it bounce off the bar to Michael Binney who quickly rounded a confused defence to tuck the ball into the bottom right hand corner of the net.

Arguably Koorringal had slightly the better of play and a 1-0 final score line was a



fair reflection of the game.

Best for Koorringal were Don Wright, Laurie Harbor and Simon Hersom. While for Dubbo, Aaron Morris, Alan Smith and Brad Murray stood

out. Coach, Craig May must be very pleased with his side.

But the job and the ecstasy belonged to Koorringal. Yet that is only half our headline. Next week we may be able to

Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday 10th September, 1996
6.00pm - St Josephs College Nudgee (Qld)

v

Holy Cross Ryde
7.30pm - Patrician Brothers Fairfield

v

Koorringal High Wagga

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Marconi Stadium

Westfields 1 Concord 0
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Johnnie Walker Cup 1st Round 1st Leg

UTS Olympic v Sydney United

Tuesday September 10 - 7.30pm

Sydney United Sports Centre

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1st Round 2nd Leg

Sydney United v UTS Olympic

Friday September 13 - 7.30pm

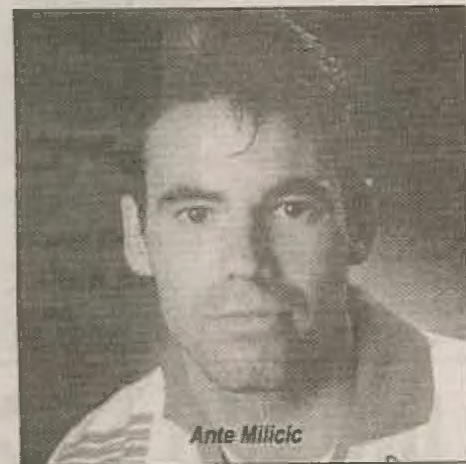
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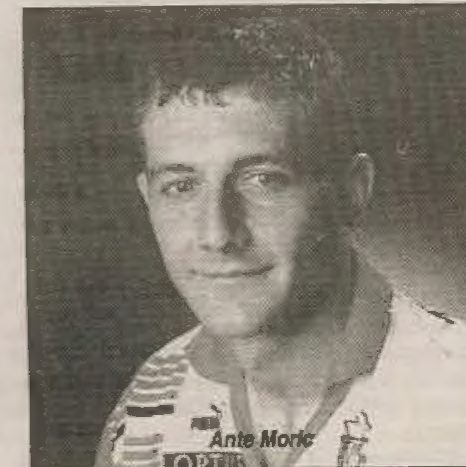
Dave Barrett



Ante Moric



Ante Milicic



Ante Moric

REMEMBER GALAMBOS

All Hungarian sports fans should remember that day in November when spring was about to turn into summer, however, when even nature seemed to work against all conventions — ice cold wind swept through the streets of Sydney, the sky was covered by dark grey clouds.

That was the day when the soul of Janos Galambos left his young body, terminating his immense suffering, bringing eternal rest for him.

But who was Janos Galambos or as we called our dear friend, Galamb?

He was our 'Puskas' and 'Pele' in one. He was the one who brought so much fame to the Budapest team. And probably he was the one who did most prior to the Warren-Abonyi era to bring the Budapest team into the forefront of Australian soccer, to promote development of the Budapest Golden Team of 1972.

At the time of his sad passing we were all younger and his death made us realise that life was not merely a sequence of happy events. However, his passing does not mean his memory should also pass. We all know that the spirit of Janos Galambos is still with us.

Whatever the name of the Budapest team may be, as long as there are Hungarians in Australia, Janos Galambos' name will live on.

It might have been somewhat more than two decades ago when on the anniversary of the death of Janos Galambos the Budapest fans erected a plaque in his memory. For unknown reasons this plaque cannot be seen anymore, it simply disappeared.

This is why we ask all fans and all Galamb's friends to help us finance a new plaque.

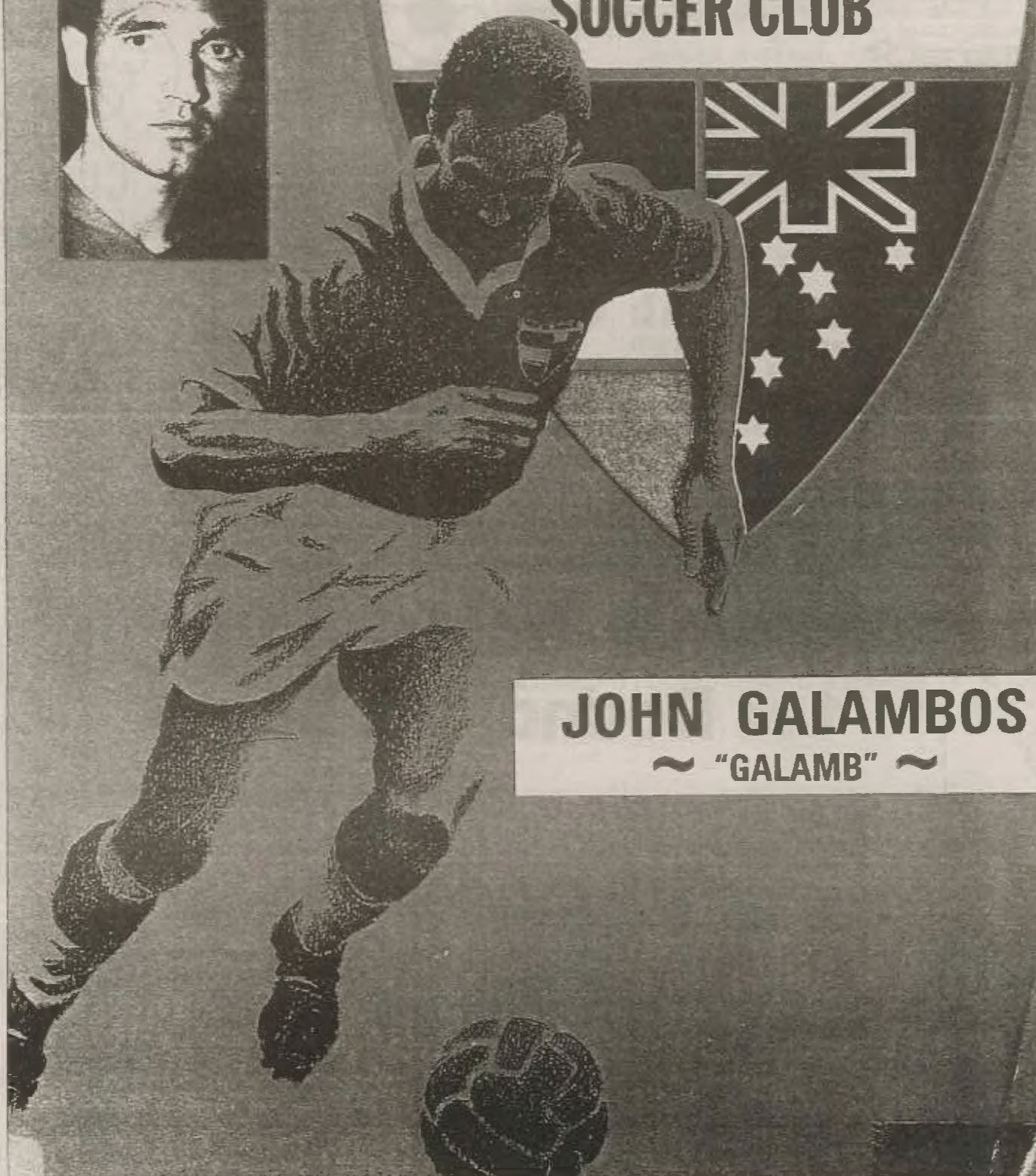
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INDOOR SOCCER KICKS OFF WITH MAJOR SPONSOR

Australia's latest indoor sporting craze — Five a Side Indoor Soccer — will officially kick-off tomorrow night in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, the Northern Territory and the ACT.

The competition — which is being run under the auspices of the newly formed Australian Indoor Soccer (Five-A-Side) Association (AISA) — is expected to boast 30,000 members when the first season gets under way in mid September.

AISA teams are already in training in 23 indoor sports centres in NSW and 10 centres in Queensland as well as centres in Victoria, the ACT and Northern Territory with negotiations soon to be finalised with Centres in Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia.

The Secretary of AISA, Mr Laurie Cauchi, said

the Association was formed earlier this year to provide an alternative competition for players and to promote, foster and develop the game of five-a-side indoor soccer.

The group behind AISA has also formed the Australian Indoor Soccer Referees Association to standardise methods of training and accreditation and to produce standard Rules and Regulations for the game in Australia.

Mr Cauchi said the AISA competition had already attracted the interest of cable television operators and a free-to-air television network and had secured the major sponsorship of one of Australia's largest home building companies, Pioneer Homes Australia.

He said a wide range of players in terms of age and background had been attracted to indoor soccer with the aim of maintaining existing skills, building

new skills, keeping fit and having fun.

"Five-A-Side indoor soccer provides a challenging but level playing field for both males and females of all ages from all walks of life.

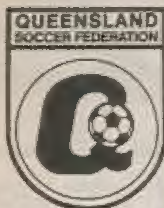
Mr Cauchi said securing Pioneer Homes Australia as the major foundation sponsor of AISA would provide a significant boost to the early fortunes of the competition.

Pioneer Homes Australia is Australia's second largest home builder, building a total of about 2000 homes a year in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia. In addition, the company has established a network of building investment centres in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide to serve the property investment market.

The 1996-97 AISA Competition was launched in

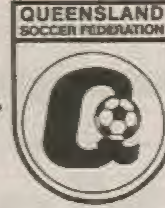
Sydney last Friday night at Lidcombe NSW Netball Centre. The first round of competition will commence on September 14 with a match between Canberra and Brisbane in Canberra.





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JOHNNIE WALKER CUP

BY GLENN DAVIS

BRISBANE STRIKERS

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BRISBANE LIONS

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Brisbane Strikers could embark on their Ericsson Cup campaign without player-coach Frank Farina who injured a knee in the Johnnie Walker Cup clash against Brisbane Lions at Perry Park on Sunday.

The Strikers' worst fears were realised in the 69th minute when Farina limped from the field with his side trailing 1-nil against reigning Brisbane Fourx League champions Brisbane Lions. Lions went on to win the grudge match 1-nil, courtesy of a Warren Allen strike in the 18th minute, but not before withstanding a barrage of attacks from the Strikers who missed numerous scoring opportunities.

Lions stalwart and Queensland custodian Robbie Farrow had a superb match in



goal denying several Strikers' chances, but was edged out for the man of the match honours by teammate Roy Huth who was brilliant in the air and made many last ditch tackles.

Farina has already ruled himself out of the second leg against Brisbane Lions which will be played on Lions home turf at Richlands on Sunday.

"We didn't have a physio here, but the knee doesn't feel

good," Farina said after the match.

"It feels to me it could be two or possibly even four weeks before it will be right."

The Strikers are scheduled to play their first Ericsson Cup match against Adelaide City in Adelaide on October 13.

Prematch publicity of a feared fiery encounter failed



to eventuate, although some players were carrying the scars of a torrid derby clash, notably Strikers sweeper Glen Gwynne who was replaced early in the second half with a corked leg.

Apart from a minor dust up between Lions striker Kevin Meacock and Strikers skipper Alan Hunter, the match

appeared to be played hard but in good spirit.

The only goal of the game, which counts as double for the return leg as Lions were playing away, came after both sides had opportunities to break the deadlock.

Lions midfielder Cliff Tuck sent a pass through for Allen who used his pace to beat Gwynne to the ball before slotting home next to the

upright past Strikers' keeper Clint Bolton.

The Strikers earlier missed a dream chance to hit the front when a Sean Cranney cross sailed in for Farina who set up Rod Brown with an easy chance with only Farrow to beat from a slight angle.

Unfortunately, Brown was off target and watched in agony as the ball trickled past the wrong side of the upright, the first of three close calls for the Strikers marksman.

Brown again could have drawn the equaliser four minutes from the break, but he arrived too late for the tap in off a Farina shot from an acute angle while two minutes after the interval an attempted header from Brown sailed over the crossbar.

Farrow was at his brilliant best five minutes into the second half brilliantly

blocking a Farina piledriver from close range after the former Socceroo used his clever skills to take on two defenders and work into the box.

The Strikers dominated the rest of the match but were frustrated by further missed opportunities and some stout Lions defence, led by Huth in his defensive midfield role. With five minutes left, substitute Reece Tollenaere found himself perfectly placed for Troy Cranney cross, but the youngster's header, with only Farrow to beat, floated over the crossbar.

As the seconds ticked away the Strikers, had just about every man in their attacking third, when a Mark Battistin blast through a congested box from 18 metres was cleared off the line by Lions defender David Lonsdale.

XXXX Grand Final Shots



Brisbane Lions celebrate their XXXX Grand Final win (L-R): Warren Allen, Frank Mengotti, David Lonsdale.



Line-up prior to Grand Final showing (L-R): Frank Mengotti Lions captain, Jeff Palmer, Mark Shield referee, Bob Eedy, Mark Greer Brisbane City captain.

NSW SF Waratah Cup Gunning Downs Olympic

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Geoff Gunning Parramatta Eagles' powerful, experienced and ever-green striker and captain, displaying great strength and composure, spearheaded his team to a shock 2-1 win over UTS Olympic last Sunday at Melita Stadium in a quarter round of the NSW Soccer Federation Waratah Cup.

The Eagles now face the winner of tomorrow night's clash (Wednesday) between Canterbury Marrickville and Wollongong City, in the semi-final of the rich \$50,000 Cup at the Melita Stadium on Sunday, kick off 5pm.

Gunning, put the issue almost beyond doubt in the 68th minute when he latched onto a long through-ball from Parramatta's star 19 year old centre-back, David Huxley. Veering to the left Gunning unleashed a vicious left footed drive from an angle that flashed into the target to give the Eagles their winning 2-1 lead.

However the Eagles had to survive a torrid first half with their young right-back Sasha Utjesenovic coming to the rescue to clear two almost certain Olympic goals off his goal-line.

The first was from a



Kris Trajanovski: Scorer of Olympic's only goal.

Norman Tome drive that goalkeeper Jason Holmes surprisingly spilled out of his gloves on the half hour mark, and the second with just seconds from halftime left when Olympic's lanky marker Ivan Zelic fiercely drove on target from very close-range a Walter Ardone corner.

The Eagle's fully deserved their victory as their midfield quartet of David Harding, Mirko Jurilj, Christian Otiz and Anthony Surjan energetically challenged their more illustrious opponents. The defence gallantly led by

central-marker Huxley repeatedly crowded out Olympic's strike trio of Tome, Kris Trajanovski and Alistair Edwards.

SOFT PENALTY

The Eagles took the lead just two minutes later through a soft penalty when left midfielder Surjan was put through by his central-midfielder Mirko Jurilj. As Surjan broke into the box he tumbled over. Striker Malcolm Meilak scored, squeezing his penalty shot just past Bouhoutsos' outstretched hand.

Olympic hit back 15 minutes from the bell following a corner. As the ball bobbed in the box, striker Kris Trajanovski was barely able to knock it into the target.

A quiet and strangely calm victorious Eagles' coach, Washington Gonzalez, reflected, "This match was a big occasion for our Club who were very motivated playing against Olympic being an NSL side. I was very pleased with Huxley who is only 19 years of age and very happy with the result as we clearly demonstrated that we are really NSL material."

A disappointed Olympic coach, David Ratcliffe, later lamented: "They (Eagles) were much more enthusiastic



and far more committed, whilst my players just expected things to happen. Some of my players expect to just come into the team. We had chances but again, our commitment was not there and only Tome looked lively in the first half before coming off with a twisted knee."

PARRAMATTA EAGLES:

Holmes: Utjesenovic, Revelly, Huxley, Danaskos (Giesen 76): Harding, Jurilj, Ortiz, Surjan: Gunning, Meilak.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC:

Bouhoutsos: Barrett, Ciantar, Zelic, Blagojevic, Refenes (Patikas 69): Tsekenis, Ardone: Tome (Meredith 46), Trajanovski, Edwards:

Scorers: Parramatta: Meilak (14 pen), Gunning (68). UTS Olympic: Trajanovski (75).

Referee: B.Hugo.

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ZELKO POPOVIC

PARA HILLS 0

PREMIER LEAGUE

WHITE CITY WOODVILLE 2
M. BROOKS
L. RODRIGUES

SALISBURY UNITED 1
ANDREW TRIGGS

Northern New South Wales

Major Changes in first Division

The Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation announced last week that they have dropped Lake Macquarie and West Wallsend from the NBN First Division Competition for the next three years.

They have been replaced by Tooheys Second Division Clubs, Toronto-Awaba and Swansea Belmont.

Northern New South Wales General Manager, Garry

Screen said the Board's decision to cut the two First Division Clubs had come after a review of all clubs since 1992.

"It is unfortunate for some clubs that over the last five years they have not been able to sustain the standards being set by many of the clubs in the required criteria."

"The clubs were judged on playing strength, junior development, administration, coaching, finance and club



facilities over the past five years." Screen admitted that the

Federation had copped plenty of criticism over the board's decision.

Both clubs finished down the bottom half of the competition last season with West Wallsend finishing sixth and Lake Macquarie picking up the wooden spoon.

The review panel will meet with all clubs in the near future to discuss and advise on any assistance that can be offered by the Federation to them.

JOHNNIE WALKER CUP

The first round of the Johnnie Walker Cup will be staged this Thursday night at Edgeworth Oval commencing at 7.30pm.

Newcastle Breakers will take on a Northern New South Wales side which is coached by the Federation's Director of Coaching, Ken Kaiser.

BREAKERS PLAYERS ON NSW TOUR

Three young Newcastle Breakers players are currently touring with a strong NSW Under 20 squad in Korea.

Breakers players, Peter Ritchie, Clayton Zane and Glenn Moore are part of a 16 man squad competing in the seven day tour. The trio will play two matches in Korea against

University Under 20 sides which are equivalent to our AIS squad.

The Korean sides will feature a number of youth internationals.

The tour has been organised by the NSW Government and the Government of Seoul to improve relationships between both countries.



Clayton Zane: On tour to Seoul with NSW under 20 team.



Glenn Moore

WOLVES BEAT BREAKERS IN CUP SHOOT OUT

Highfield Wolves caused a major upset by defeating Newcastle Breakers 5-4 in a penalty shootout last Thursday night in the NSW Waratah Cup at Whitebridge Oval.

The game went to a penalty showdown after the scores were locked at 1-1, after normal time and even 30 minutes of extra time could not separate the teams.

Breakers player, Evis Heath came up for the fifth

kick but his shot was blocked by Highfields keeper, Craig Shanko, with the game locked at 4-4.

Wolves were awarded a penalty in the opening minutes, after a Breaker's player handled the ball in the area. Highfields Captain, Wayne Bailey took the kick but his shot was saved by Breakers keeper, Adam Fittock.

The Wolves drew first blood in the 13th minute after



Glenn Cooper: Performed strongly for the Wolves in their win over the Breakers.

a Breakers defender knocked a ball into his own goal.

The Breakers levelled the match thanks to a cracking goal by striker, Troy Halpin just on the half time break which brought the vocal crowd to their feet.

Highfield's Coach, Steve Bland praised his young team's performance and agreed that his side are getting stronger with every game.

"The boys played well tonight it took something

special from (Troy) Halpin to pull the Breakers out."

Breakers Coach, John Kosmina was happy with the way his side played, "We haven't played together as a team since April but I was impressed with Robbie Ironside he was very strong in defence and is a good leader."

"I thought Matt Austin performed well."

Austin was making his debut for the Ericsson Cup team.



Troy Halpin: Put away a cracking goal for Highfields to level the match.

WOLVES SUCCUMB TO CLASSY UNITED

Sydney United 4 Highfields Wolves 0

Sydney United scored a convincing 4-0 win over Highfields Wolves in the Waratah Cup last Sunday in Sydney.

United's Ante Milicic caused most of the problems for the Wolves after scoring a second half hat-trick.

United dominated the opening ten minutes with Milicic and David Zdrilic looking dangerous whenever near the ball.

Full credit to the Highfields defenders Todd McManus and Veteran Howard Treddinick who kept the home side at bay.

United had their best chance in the 29th minute after a cross from Bilokapic found Milicic. He turned and knocked the ball goalwards but was denied by a reflex save from Craig Shanko.

Five minutes later, Highfields attacked after some good build up by Mark Wilson

and Ty Turner slipped the ball to Captain Wayne Bailey but his shot was well taken by John Perosh.

Highfields kept United scoreless in the first half but it wasn't long after the break that United took the lead when Milicic scored with a low shot.

Highfields desperately tried to level in the 54th when a strike by Adam Dearing scraped over bar on its way over.

United made it 2-0 after Dave Zdrilic touched the ball home from a Milicic cross.

It wasn't long before Milicic scored his second with five minutes to go. The talented striker got his third right on the full time whistle.

United Coach Branko Culina agreed that it was always going to be a difficult game, "we struggled in the first half but full credit to Highfields, they kept us out."

Culina was not happy with the way his team performed, "We took the game too easy but I gave several of the young players a run."

Wolves Coach Steve Bland was happy with the way his team played, "We kept them square in the opening half, we had our chances but it wasn't our day."

"It has been a wonderful season for us, the younger players in the side have achieved much this year with the likes of Turner and Doug West having a great



ILLAWARRA PREMIER LEAGUE

BY PHIL MURPHY

Ball's Paddock was just another soccer ground - before last week. Suddenly everyone knows about the place, even Soccer Australia Chairman David Hill turned up.

Hill was at the ground for the Johnnie Walker Cup tie between Wollongong City and Marconi on Friday night.

He was delighted with the setup that has been developed by Illawarra premier league club Bulli. The compact stadium with a covered grandstand at the southern end and top facilities also hosted last week's Waratah Cup tie between Wollongong and Sydney Cosmos and the Wolves will be back tomorrow night for another Cup tie against Canterbury.

Unfortunately, only a small crowd turned up for the Marconi game and that was a big disappointment for Bulli officials.

Wolves officials were forced to switch their games from Brandon Park because that ground has been under renovation for the start of the Ericsson Cup.

The premier league final four won't be known until after midweek games are played under lights. After weekend games, Lysaghts, Port Kembla and Wollongong Olympic are safe while Bulli and Fernhill will know their fate within 48 hours.

Bulli (32 points) are at home to Dapto while Fernhill (30 points) are at home to bottom team Westderra.

A draw will see Bulli safely through as they have a far superior goal difference.

On Saturday, Olympic took third spot with a 2-0 win against Balgownie, Peter Kotamanidis and Giovanni Aiello getting the goals after halftime.

Bulli made things difficult for themselves when they lost 2-0 away to lowly West-Figtree. Rod Hill and Frank Barilla scoring Figtree's goals.

Lysaghts were held to a 2-2 draw at home by Northern United, who are second from bottom. Coach Casey de Bruin gave his Lysaghts players a blast after the game but is confident they will be in the right frame of mind for the playoffs.

Shane Williams and Jason Spencer scored for Lysaghts while Declan Dowd and Pepe Stanizzo found the net for Northern.

Second-placed Port Kembla beat Westderra 2-0 away, Jai Rathbone and Justyn Roberts getting the goals while Dapto and Fernhill finished scoreless.

At Kelly Park Coniston and Cringila drew 1-1, Andon Dzepravovski netting for Cringila and John Simonovski getting the equaliser.

POINTS: Lysaghts 51, Port Kembla 43, Wollongong Olympic 34, Bulli 32, Fernhill 30, Cringila 29, Balgownie 29, Dapto 28, Coniston 27, West-Figtree 25, Northern United 18, Westderra 12.

FINAL ROUND DRAW: Port Kembla v Lysaghts and Fernhill v Westderra (tonight), Wollongong Olympic v Northern United and Cringila v Figtree (tomorrow night) and Bulli v Dapto (Thursday night).

Wollongong Olympic have suffered a major setback just before the semi-finals.

Key defender Con Spyrou is out for the season and his career could be under threat because of pelvic arthritis.

Spyrou was out of action for four seasons with the complaint but his doctors thought he had recovered.

Coach John Fleming told ABSW, Olympic would miss Spyrou and Peter Kotamanidis has been switched from midfield to fill in at sweeper.

A premier league club has already made it clear they don't want their current coach next season. Seems a couple of candidates have already been interviewed and there were still two league matches to play.

Considering the coach who is being sacked just missed out on the playoffs and brought two or three very good players to the club he deserved better treatment.



NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL LYNWOOD PARK

WARATAH CUP

ROUND 6

UTS Olympic	2	v	Rockdale City Suns	1
Sydney Utd	1	v	Canberra Cosmos	0
Parramatta Eagles	4	v	Bathurst '76	1
Wollongong City	2	v	Sydney Cosmos	0
Canterbury M'ville	3	v	Wingah Dolphins	2
Sutherland Sharks	4	v	Hills United	2
Highfields Wolves	1	v	Newcastle B'kers	1

Highfields won 5-4 on penalties

ROUND 7

Parramatta Eagles	2	v	UTS Olympic	1
Sydney Utd	4	v	Highfields Wolves	0
Sutherland Sharks	1	v	Marconi Fairfield	2

— Playing Wednesday —

Wollongong city	v	Canterbury M'ville
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DIVISION ONE

Preliminary Semi Final

Belmore Hercules	2	v	Ryde City	1
Hills United	1	v	Penrith Panthers	1
Hills United	7	v	Sydney Cosmos	0

Elimination Semi Final

Bathurst '76	0	v	Auburn United	0
Mt Pritchard	1	v	Fairfield Bulls	2
West Wanderers	0	v	Belmore Hercules	0

DIVISION TWO

Grand Final

Greystanes	1	v	Alexandria Warriors	0
Greystanes	1	v	Parramatta City	2
Prairiewood United	0	v	AC United	2

DIVISION THREE

Grand Final

Moorebank Sports	2	v	Glebe Wanderers	1
Glebe Wanderers	1	v	Moorebank Sports	2

DIVISION FOUR

Grand Final

Arncliffe Scots	0	v	Fraser Park	1
Marrickville Reds	0	v	Springwood	1

1st Grade Belmore 2 Ryde City Gunners 1 (AET)

Belmore emerged victorious from a tension-packed game at Lynwood Park which at times threatened to boil over, but suffered no sendings off, despite much aggravation.

Ryde had taken the lead in the 44th minute and the goal, at least, was something to dwell on.

Paul Watkins and Jeff Kelly combined to send John McKie on his way and with Alan Lindley available, McKie was able to provide the ball which sat up well for Lindley to drive an unstoppable shot from 18 metres just under the crossbar.

Belmore hit back in the 53rd after Marshall Soper had flicked the ball on from a free kick allowing Jimmy Nikas to score the equaliser with a rare header.

Extra time came and Nikas delivered the winner half way through this added period, a long ball setting up the speedy Nikas to go on and job Andrew Prentice from just inside the box.

Belmore renews its battle with Sydney Cosmos next week at Melita Stadium in the Major Semi-Final on Sunday.

UNDER 21s HILLS UNITED 1 PENRITH PANTHERS 1 (HILLS 7-6 ON PENALTIES AFTER EXTRA TIME):

Hills United appeared to be headed for victory in the Under 21s game after Scott Bramley had given them an early lead, but when Penrith dragged a goal back from a speedy counter-attack in the 83rd minute they had to go to penalties to finally win it.

Ironically, Bramley was the

only Hills player to miss from the spot, the third kick to be taken, but as Penrith missed their fifth and eighth attempts Hills won 7-6, Shane Coombes being on target for the last and winning kick for Hills, who now play Ryde City Gunners.

UNDER 18s HILLS UNITED 7 SYDNEY COSMOS 0:

Hills had much less trouble with Sydney Cosmos the 7-0 win coming after the Castle Hill side had held a 5-0 half time lead.

Raynor Eathorn was first to score and when Josh Jamieson and David Aiossa both added two more and Phil Warburton put away a penalty to go with a Cosmos own goal, the side was able to book a passage into the next match again with Ryde City.

ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL:

Bathurst and Auburn struggled to a scoreless draw at Seymour Shaw Park in First Grade with Auburn winning on penalties 6-5 to earn a match with Ryde in the next round.

The Under 21s went to Fairfield over Mount Pritchard 2-1, seventeen year old midfield dynamo Martin Batalla chiming in with both goals in the second half and although Mounties scored from the spot after this it was not enough to stop The Bulls setting up a match with Penrith Panthers next Saturday.

The Under 18s was won on penalties 6-5 by Belmore over West Wanderers, Belmore rather of the opinion that a valid goal had been scored by Tim Cahill right near the end

of normal time.

The headed goal was disallowed on linesman's report to the referee, Cahill appearing to score when the ball hit him full in the face.

Belmore now meets Sydney Cosmos.

2ND DIVISION GRAND FINAL:

A spectacular goal by energetic and skilful flankman Chris Sciberras saw Greystanes complete a Premiership and Championship double at Ernie Smith Reserve on Sunday. The 1-0 win was typical Greystanes fare, with the industrious Kenny Bridge commanding the centre of the park and the lively Mark Racker and both flankmen Scott Cumming and Darren Waterson giving good service.

Alexandria played their best football in the first half, but their keeper Con Limmos was kept busy in the first period and made some

splendid saves to deny both Racker and Waterson.

Con Anagnostopoulos rattled the frame of the goal at the other end and Arthur Stamoulis stumbled over a ball played in from a cross by Nick Bolianitis which on a better day he might have converted to a goal.

Greystanes stuck to their game plan and managed to keep Alexandria out of the picture almost totally in the second half.

Once the Sciberras goal had been scored Alexandria seemed unable to lift their momentum and change up a gear, so Greystanes steadied the ship until the final whistle sounded.

It was a disappointment for Alexandria to lose schemer Steve Chilas very early on as well as George Maglis through injury.

Greystanes lost injury troubled Andrew Charlwood as well as carrying Darren

Crittenden who was limping noticeably towards the end.

The win was a credit to the club and its coach Paul Sparkes who had won back-to-back 3rd Division and 2nd Division Premiership and Grand Finals now for the strictly amateur club in Sydney's west.

Under 21s went to Parramatta City 2-1, the goal in the 15th minute by Con Dellas setting them up. Another goal in the 21st made it hard for Greystanes who replied in the 32nd through Craig Schofield.

Under 18s belonged to AC United who had lost out to Prairiewood twice recently but found their best on the day.

Giacomo Depicchio, one of about 8 in the side who have been given runs in first grade by club coach Osvaldo El Ali, opened the scoring in the 10th minute and provided the ball in between two defenders which allowed Shane Cevenini to get a second after 35 minutes.

Prairiewood did hit the bar in the second half, but AC finished off the season nicely with this win.

El Ali wanted to congratulate his Under 18 coach, Sam Dellasandro and all the players who helped the club make an impact in 2nd Division after gaining promotion.

El Ali has also been responsible for control of the Youth League teams which finished second and gained promotion for next year and is developing a sound youth policy at the club he hopes to coach again next year if terms are satisfactory.



Waratah Cup ROUND 6

The difference between Super League and First Division standards told its own story on Wednesday night at the Gabbie Stadium, as Sutherland did enough to defeat a gallant Hills by 4 goals to 2.

Halfway through the first half Stuart Porter crashed home a powerful shot from a precise right wing cross for Sutherland's first.

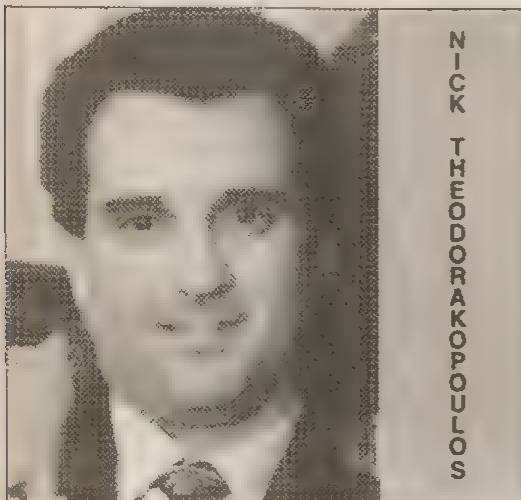
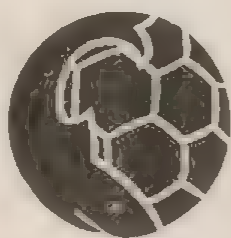
Tony Cabassi played a ball out wide and ran through to meet the return and put it away off the post to have the Sharks two up in the 34th.

A minute later Hills had their best chance of the first 45 when a Darren Read corner swung in and grazed the bar before being scrambled to safety.

The game was put beyond Hills by a brilliant Harry Christodoulou solo effort. He sliced through a number of tackles before drawing Terry Ide and putting the ball over the line with only three minutes gone after the break.

For a brief period it looked like Hills would be able to make a fight of the game but at the 69th minute mark, Porter capitalised on a mistake in defence to score his second and Sutherland's fourth.

With nine minutes to go a well flighted corner from the left cleared the Sharks defence. It was headed back towards the penalty spot where Adam Hagger touched it neatly forward for Scott Bramley to claim his and Hills second to put it home from close range.



NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS

NSW U/20s IN KOREA

The following players have left for a three way tournament in South Korea. They will play in Seoul against two University teams as part of a Goodwill tour. All the players are Under 20. Nick Theodorakopoulos, Wollongong City's supremo is in charge of the short tour.

Adam Brodbeck
Brett Emerton
Vaughan Hunter
Bill Gjakovski
Glenn Moore
Peter Ritchie
Ralph Bove
Mark Robertson
Clayton Zane
Carlos Gonzalez
Stephen Laybutt
Ante Seric
Jacob Burnes
Christian Care
Michael Cunico
Trinity Allen

Parramatta Eagles
AIS/UTS Olympic
Marconi
Wollongong City
Newcastle
Newcastle
UTS Olympic
Marconi
Newcastle
UTS Olympic
Wollongong City
AIS/Sydney United
Sydney United
AIS/Marconi
AIS/Marconi
Wollongong City

Waratah Cup

Quarter Final

Wednesday September 11

Balls Paddock, Bulli — 7.30pm

Wollongong City



Canterbury Marrickville

Semi Finals

Sunday September 15

Marconi Stadium — 3pm

Sydney United



Marconi

Melita Stadium — 5pm

Wollongong City or

C'Bury Marrickville



Parramatta Eagles

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WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

ENGLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FIRST ROUND, SECOND LEG

Birmingham	2	Brighton	0
(Birmingham won 3-0 on aggregate)			
Bristol Rovers	2	Luton	1
(Luton 4-2 on aggregate)			
Leyton Orient	1	Portsmouth	0
(Portsmouth 2-1 on aggregate)			
Norwich	2	Oxford	3
(after extra time, score at 90 minutes 1-1. Oxford won 4-3 on aggregate)			
Wolverhampton	1	Swindon	0
(Swindon 2-1 on aggregate)			

ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

— September 4 —

Arsenal	3	Chelsea	3
Blackburn	0	Leeds	1
Coventry	0	Liverpool	1
Derby	1	Manchester United	1
Everton	0	Aston Villa	1
Middlesbrough	4	West Ham	1
Southampton	2	Nottingham Forest	2
Sunderland	1	Newcastle	2
Wimbledon	1	Tottenham	0

— September 7 —

Aston Villa	2	Arsenal	2
Leeds	0	Manchester United	4
Liverpool	2	Southampton	1
Middlesbrough	4	Coventry	0
Nottingham Forest	0	Leicester	0
Sheffield Wednesday	0	Chelsea	2
Tottenham	1	Newcastle	2
Wimbledon	4	Everton	0

Table

Sheffield Wed	5	4	0	1	8	5	12
Chelsea	5	3	2	0	8	3	11
Liverpool	5	3	2	0	8	4	11
Aston Villa	5	3	1	1	7	4	10
Manchester Utd	5	2	3	0	12	5	9
Newcastle	5	3	0	2	7	6	9
Middlesbrough	5	2	2	1	12	6	8
Arsenal	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Leeds	5	2	1	2	5	9	7
Nott Forest	5	1	3	1	7	7	6
Wimbledon	5	2	0	3	5	6	6
Sunderland	4	1	2	1	5	3	5
Tottenham	5	1	2	2	4	4	5
Leicester	5	1	2	2	3	5	5
Everton	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
West Ham	4	1	1	2	4	8	4
Derby	4	0	3	1	5	7	3
Southampton	5	0	2	3	5	8	2
Blackburn	4	0	1	3	2	6	1
Coventry	5	0	1	4	1	11	1

Division one

Bradford	0	Norwich	2
Grimsby	2	Swindon	1
Ipswich	1	Huddersfield	3
Manchester City	1	Barnsley	2
Oldham	0	Sheffield United	2
Portsmouth	1	Port Vale	1
Queen's Park Rangers	0	West Bromwich	2
Southend	5	Bolton	2
Stoke	2	Crystal Palace	2
Tranmere	1	Birmingham	0

Table

Barnsley	4	4	0	0	10	3	12
Norwich	5	4	0	1	7	3	12
Stoke	5	3	2	0	9	6	11
Bolton	5	3	1	1	9	8	10
Tranmere	5	3	1	1	7	4	10
Wolves	5	3	1	1	6	3	10
Huddersfield	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Swindon	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
Q's Pk Rang	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
Portsmouth	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Crystal Palace	5	1	3	1	6	5	6
Port Vale	5	1	3	1	5	5	6
Man City	5	2	0	3	5	6	6
Bradford	5	2	0	3	4	5	6
Ipswich	5	1	2	2	10	10	5
W Bromwich	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
Southend	5	1	1	3	7	12	4
Sheff United	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
Grimsby	5	1	1	3	6	9	4
Birmingham	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Reading	4	1	1	2	5	10	4
Oxford	4	1	0	3	6	5	3
Oldham	5	0	1	4	5	11	1
Charlton	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

Division two

Blackpool	2	Walsall	1
Bournemouth	0	Crewe	1
Bristol City	2	Preston	1
Bury	3	Rotherham	1

Chesterfield	0	Brentford	2
Gillingham	1	Burnley	0
Millwall	2	Bristol Rovers	0
Plymouth	0	Notts County	0
Watford	1	Stockport	0
Wrexham	1	Peterborough	1
Wycombe	0	Luton	1
York	0	Shrewsbury	0

Table

Brentford	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Bury	5	4	1	0	11	3	13
Plymouth	5	3	2	0	10	6	11
Millwall	5	3	1	1	9	5	10
Blackpool	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Watford	5	3	0	2	5	5	9
Chesterfield	5	3	0	2	4	4	9
Shrewsbury	5	2	2	1	6	6	8
York	5	2	1	2	6	6	7
Crewe	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Gillingham	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Bristol City	5	2	0	3	9	9	6
Burnley	5	2	0	3	6	8	6
Bournemouth	5	2	0	3	5	6	6
Luton	5	2	0	3	5	10	6
Peterborough	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Notts County	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
Bristol Rovers	4	1	2	1	2	3	5
Preston	5	1	1	3	5	7	4
Wrexham	3	0	3	0	6	6	3
Wycombe	5	0	3	2	2	4	3
Stockport	5	0	2	3	1	4	2
Rotherham	5	0	1	4	4	9	1
Walsall	4	0	1	3	3	6	1

Division three

Barnet	1	Nithampton	1
Brighton	3	Scarborough	2
Cambridge	2	Torquay	1
Cardiff	2	Exeter	1
Carlisle	4	Swansea	1
Chester	4	Lincoln	1
Doncaster	0	Mansfield	0
Fulham	3	Colchester	1
Hereford	0	Hartlepool	1
Hull	1	Rochdale	1
Leyton Orient	0	Darlington	0
Wigan	3	Scunthorpe	0

Table

Wigan	5	4	1	0	12	4	13
Fulham	5	4	0	1	8	4	12
Hartlepool	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
Carlisle	5	3	1	1	6	2	10
Cardiff	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Hull	5	2	3	0	5	3	9
Cambridge	5	2	2	1	5	5	8
Chester	5	2	1	2	10	8	7
Torquay	5	2	1	2	6	5	7
Brighton	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
Scunthorpe	5	2	1	2	3	6	7
Northampton	5	1	3	1	7	5	6
Scarborough	5	1	3	1	7	6	6
Barnet	5	1	3	1	5	3	6
Darlington	5	1	2	2	9	8	5
Lincoln	5	1	2	2	6	9	5
Exeter	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Doncaster	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Leyton Orient	5	1	2	2	3	3	5
Hereford	5	1	1	3	2	4	4
Swansea	5	1	0	4	5	13	3
Rochdale	5	0	3	2	3	5	3
Colchester	5	0	3	2	3	7	3
Mansfield	5	0	3	2	2	6	3

SCOTLAND RESULTS

— September 7 —

Premier Division

Celtic	5	Hibernian	0
Hearts	1	Dundee United	0
Kilmarnock	2	Dunfermline	0
Motherwell	0	Rangers	1
Raith	1	Aberdeen	4

Table

Rangers	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
Celtic	4	3	1	0	14	4	10
Aberdeen	4	2	2	0	12	5	8
Hearts	3	2	0	1	4	6	6
Motherwell	4	1	2	1	6	4	5
Kilmarnock	4	1	1	2	7	9	4
Hibernian	4	1	1	2	2	7	4
Dunfermline	3	0	2	1	4	7	2
Dundee United	4	0	1	3	1	4	1
Raith	4	0	0	4	2	12	0

Division one

Clydebank	2	St Mirren	1
Dundee	0	Airdrieonians	1
Greenock Morton	0	East Fife	0

St Johnstone	2	Partick	0
Stirling	1	Falkirk	0

Table

St Johnstone	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
Morton	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Airdrieonians	3	2	1	0	2	0	7
Clydebank	4	2	1	1	4	5	7
Dundee	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
St Mirren	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Stirling	4	1	1	2	2	3	4
Falkirk	4	1	1	2	1	2	4
East Fife	4	0	3	1	1	5	3
Partick	4	0	2	2	1	4	2

Division two

Berwick	2	Queen of the South	2
Clyde	0	Dumbarton	1
Livingston	2	Brechin	1
Stenhousemuir	1	Ayr	2
Stranraer	0	Hamilton	3

Table

Livingston	4	4	0	0	8	3	12
Ayr	4	2	2	0	10	3	8
Hamilton	4	2	1	1	6	2	7
Queen of St.	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Dumbarton	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Stenmuir	4	1	1	2	7	3	4
Stranraer	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Brechin	4	0	3	1	3	4	3
Clyde	4	1	0	3	2	6	3
Berwick	4	0	1	3	3	16	1

Division three

Albion	0	Inverness C. Thistle	0
Cowdenbeath	1	Queen's Park	1
East Stirling	2	Forfar	1
Montrose	0	Arbroath	0
Ross County	1	Alloa	2

Table

Albion	4	3	1	0	5	0	10
Alloa	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Cowdenbeath	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Forfar	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
Arbroath	4	1	3	0	4	2	6
East Stirling	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Queen's Park	4	1	2	1	7	9	5
Montrose	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Inver C. Thistle	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Ross County	4	0	0	4	4	9	0

SCOTLAND LEAGUE CUP

Third Round

Alloa	1	Celtic	5
Dunfermline	3	St Mirren	1
Rangers	3	Ayr	1

NORTHERN IRELAND GOLD CUP

Group A

Rangor	0	Portadown	1
Newry	0	Coleraine	4

Group B

Ards	1	Crusaders
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Oceania Nations

The Oceania Nations Cup will be decided later this year when Tahiti and Australia meet in a two legged final.

The first leg is in Papeete, Tahiti on October 26 with the return on Friday November 1 in Canberra.

The winner will receive the Sir William Walkley Cup currently held by Australia. In addition the Oceania Nations Champion will travel to Saudi Arabia in December 1997 to play in the eight nation Confederation Championship.



Arabia in December 1997 to play in the eight nation Confederation Championship.

CLUB BANS ALL FANS

Djurgarden has caused a stir in Swedish soccer by banning its own fans for the next home match.

The Stockholm club's board of directors, exasperated by persistent trouble-makers, has decided to play its September 19 match against Halmstad in an empty stadium.

They will also ban for the rest of the season all offenders identified on video and have asked for next week's derby with AIK to be postponed.

They said if fans did not behave they would ask the league to demote them to the second division next season.

Djurgarden took their action after television showed their fans stoning opposition fans at a match with IFK Goteborg.

"We are forced to show bad fans just what they can expect if they don't change the way they behave," club president Mats Olsson said.

They also called on other clubs to restrict ticket sales to visiting Djurgarden fans.

Djurgarden fans have a bad reputation. Their stadium was closed temporarily last season after a 17-year-old ran onto the pitch to assault the referee.

OCEANIA WORLD CUP PLAY OFFS

The Melanesian Group consisting of Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands go head to head in Lae, PNG from September 16 to 22.

In Tonga from November 9 to 16 the Polynesian Group of Cook Islands, Western Samoa and Tonga play off.

As part of the feast of Soccer in Tonga, the Polynesian Cup will also take place with the Tahiti joining the first three.

New Caledonia and Fiji, join PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu travel to Lae as the Melanesian Cup competition is added to the

World Cup.



SHOCK SHOOTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Hijackers shot dead the father of one of South Africa's top stars in the latest high-profile crime to stun South Africans.

Four gunmen attacked Alkiem Khumalo, once a soccer celebrity in his own right whose superstar son Doctor Khumalo now plays in the United States. The murder took place outside his Soweto home last Wednesday.

They left him gravely

wounded and made off with his Volkswagen Jetta car.

Khumalo, who was known to his fans as "Pro" in the 1960s and 70s, was rushed to hospital in the sprawling and violent black township outside Johannesburg, but died from his wounds.

Local radio said his son, a national hero who moved this season to play for Columbus Crew in the new US soccer league, was flying back to

South Africa.

"I am still devastated by the sad news of the untimely death of Doctor's father, I still can't believe it now," said Kaizer Motaung, managing director of Soweto's Kaizer Chiefs for which both father and son played.

Police said a woman caught driving the stolen car was being questioned.

FAROEES GOES DOWN GALLANTLY

Group favourite Spain had little difficulty trouncing the Faroe Islands 6-2 in a group six World Cup qualifying match last week.

But the plucky home side withstood their mighty opponents for more than half an hour and even managed an early second-half equaliser.

Luis Enrique Martinez put Spain 1-0 ahead after a

frustrating 37 minutes for the visitors who might have expected an easy ride.

Local hero Todi Jonsson quickly equalised at the start of the second half to keep the North Atlantic islanders in the game.

In the 63rd minute Alfonso Perez Munoz, brought in as substitute for Juan Antonio Pizzi, scored the first goal of a hat-trick, signalling the

beginning of the end for the Faroes.

Oli Johannesen, with an own goal in the 70th and Fernando Ruiz Hierro in the 85th completed the Spanish scoreline.

But the Faroes did manage a consolation goal in the final minute of the match through substitute Uni Arge.

Nilis slams hat-trick for PSV

Belgian international Bluc Nils scored a hat-trick as PSV Eindhoven maintained its 100 per cent record by beating RKC Waalwijk 4-0 last week.

The result took PSV two points clear of Feyenoord Rotterdam at the top of the Dutch first division, and five points clear of Ajax

Amsterdam, which drew 0-0 at Roda JC Kerkrade.

It took the home side over half an hour to break down a hardworking RKC defence, but once they did, there was no stopping them.

Nilis opening the scoring from close range in the 38th minute, then curled a freekick round the wall and into the net three minutes

later to give PSV a 2-0 halftime lead.

Rene Eykelkamp scored his side's third goal on the hour before Nilis completed his hat-trick with another close-range effort, his sixth goal in four matches.

Eindhoven has won its first four league games, scoring 15 goals and conceding only three.

FIFA/COCA COLA WORLD YOUTH CUP

The Oceania Confederation qualifying tournament is being held in Tahiti between January 6 and 16 next year.

Tahiti, Vanuatu, Fiji, Solomon Islands, New Zealand and Australia make up the seven country competition.

The winner qualifies for the Under 20 finals in Malaysia during June and July also next year.

Italians to follow Brits

Italian clubs like Juventus and AC Milan will soon be allowed to seek stock exchange listings, the government promised last week.

At present, Italian clubs are required by law to be non-profit making organisations and they are often run by wealthy families almost as a hobby.

After meeting top soccer officials, deputy prime minister Walter Veltroni said this system would change. "We have to make a leap forward and recognise the reality of the situation," he said.

Italian soccer chiefs said they wanted to follow the English example, where a number of clubs, including

Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur, are already quoted on the stock market.

League champion AC Milan, owned by media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, has already said it would be interested in a public float.

Italy's Serie A is arguably the world's leading league, and top teams could make huge profits by expanding their merchandising activities.

Soccer chiefs said they hoped the new legislation would be introduced next month.

Veltroni said the government would also set up a commission to look into complaints by the soccer industry that they have to bear an unfair tax burden.

GERMANY DEFEAT POLAND IN FRIENDLY

Germany easily beat Poland 2-0 last week in a friendly, their first match since their European championship victory in June.

Oliver Bierhoff, who scored a late equaliser and the winner against the Czechs in the Euro 96 final, headed in the game's first goal in the 28th minute from a floating centre pass by midfielder Christian Ziege.

The slow-paced match was dominated by the Germans, although the champions had to wait until the 89th minute for forward Juergen Klinsmann to put the game out of reach.

Klinsmann, who went unnoticed for most of the game, pounded Thomas Hessler's volley cross past Polish goalkeeper Maciej Szczesny from about six metres out, just minutes from full time.

SINGAPORE STAR PARALYSED

Former Singapore international Anthony Samy has been paralysed from the neck down after falling awkwardly during a match.

The 31-year-old, who played for Singapore from 1986-87, collided with another player during a friendly between Woodlands Wellington and Selangor.

He was taken to hospital,

where doctors said damage to his spinal column had left him permanently paralysed.



Croatian Corner

By John Viskovitch

Igor Pamic has joined French First Division Team Sochaux. The French club had an impressive 3-2 win over FC Zagreb in a friendly match in France. With 4,000 fans present, Pamic, a Euro 96 squad member for Croatia managed to score a goal which resulted in a win for the French Club. Sochavx Coach, Bosnian Faruk Hadzibegic says he is very happy with his new Croat signing and hopes he becomes the leader of the team.

Segesta beat Swedish club Orebro 4-0 in Croatia. Man of the Match was Hari Vukas who pulled a hat trick for Segesta.

Rijeka are expected to sign Slovenian, Alfred Jermanis from Rapid Vienna while Osijek have moved to sign Romanian duo, Dumitru Mitu and Lucian Dronce, both of whom have played friendlies for the club. Osijek already have another Romanian, Lucian Peopescu who they signed last season which is seen as an attraction for more Romanians to join them.

Sydney United who had an embarrassing 8-0 loss to Croatia Zagreb (without Viduka) managed to beat low division team Vinjani 9-0.

The line up was: 1. Peros, 2. Gibson, 3. Vrkic, 4. Rudan, 5. Seric, 6. Burns, 7. Zdrilic, 8. Markovac, 9. Bilokapic, 10. Milicic, 11. Esner (Maric, Didylica, Usalj, Becirbegovic, Blazincic, Trajkovski).

The goals came from: Milici 7th, 12th, 79th and 83rd, Gibson 5th and 70th, Esner 60th and 89th and Trajkovski 63rd.

In this tournament named after "Ante Busic" it was Ante Milicic who finished top striker with 4 goals. In the other game eventual champion of the tournament Hajduk Split Juniors beat Zaoarkomerc 1-0. As you might know Hajduk Split also beat Sydney United 3-0 in Split in another match of the "Ante Busic Memorial Tournament".

Zadar will not be going to Brescia to play in a pre season tournament. The Croatia club who has played in Italy in previous years has said due to poor form and players still trialling with other clubs it was unable to

take up Brescia's offer.

Cro 2000 — Croatia Youth Program - with Legendary Announcer, Ante Grabovac Wednesday 8.50pm on Sydney 98.5FM. Don't miss it!

CIBALIA:

IN: Bajsic (Osijek), Mrcela (Zadarkomerc), Rubic (Bjelovar), Lovric (Spacva), Drjjo (Spacva), Nedic (Orient).

OUT: Bogdan (Osijek), Mestrovic (Osijek), Klatic (Zadarkomerc), Golubica (Nurnberg, Germany), Brkic (Belisce), Cvijanovic (Sibenik), Ribic (Croatia D0), Bjelic (Croatia D), Sevelj (Hajduk), Jurkovic (Spalva Otok), Bojko (Spacva Otok), Adzvlcio (Dubava).

MARSONIA

IN: Tomas (Piran), Mandzucic (Germany), Petkovic (Podvinje), Durak & Letica (both Podvinje), Strk (Sloga).

OUT: Dzidic (Croatia Dakovo), Zivkovic, Antolic, Pranjic & Matijasevic (all H Dragovoljac), Bognar (Slavonija), Zivkovic (Germany), Zoric (Rijeka), Steinbruckner (Osijek), Rudonja (Hit Gorica), Sestan (Kopenhagen, ?)

INTER

IN: Kastel (Slavonija), Lipovac (H. Dragovoljac), Ancic (Croatia ZG), Cinoric (Samobor), Kuljanac (Samobor), Zofic (Brezice).

OUT: Asanin (Slavia Bague, Czech Rep), Nekret-Katic (Osijek), Ozibov (Zagreb), Knez (Zagorec), Bradvic (Orjent).

MLADOST 127

IN: Prenga & Konjevic (both Sloven Belupo), Jakovijevic (H. Dragovoljac), Ratajac (Cakovec), Novak (Cakovec), Didic (Bosnia), Vranaric (Dakovo).

OUT: Lalic (Zagreb).

ORIENT

IN: Mladenic (Rijeka), Volaric & Grubisic (both Rijeka), Orsic (Austria), Matahija (Lucki Radnik), Juric (Pomdrac), Cizmarevic (Opatija), Porubic (Ogulin), Bradvic (Inker).

OUT: Lazinica (Gossau, ?), Nedic (Cibalia).

For more Croatian Sports News and a good laugh, tune into CRO2000 with legendary announcer Ante Grabovac. The program is broadcast in English on 98.5FM in Sydney from 8.50pm Wednesdays. Don't miss it!

In 1993 while Croatian Davor Suker played for Seville in Spain his captain was none other than Argentine Diego Maradona. For Davor it would have been a great honour to play with the greatest player ever.

Eusebio Da Silva Ferreira of Benfica and Portugal was regarded as one of the best players in Europe in the 1960's. Ironically he finished his football career in Canada's "Toronto-Metro-Croatia in the 1970's.

Bosnia - Hercegovina's league champions for '95-'96 Celik Zenica is a former winner of the Mitropa Cup. In fact they won the title twice claiming it in 1971 and again in 1972. The Mitropa Cup was the forerunner for the European Cup but was restricted to clubs from Austria, Italy, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Romania. Former winners include: Rapid Vienna (1930), Bologna (1961), Fiorentina (1966), AC Milan (1982), Bari (1990), Torino (1991).

Goran Vlaovic will be playing for Valencia next season after courts ruled Napoli and Fiorentina had no claim to him. Vlaovic will now partner Brazilian ace Romario who has joined the club after playing for Brazil's Flamengo.

Mario Stanic is free to leave club Brugge after the club exited out of European competition. Fiorentina Italian Cup winners is his most likely next stop and rumours persist that he has already signed and will join the club midway through this new season.



Victorian Ladders



STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sp. White Eagles	23	16	3	4	50	23	51
Richmond	24	13	9	2	48	28	48
Preston Lions	24	13	8	3	40	17	47
West Suburbs	25	11	7	7	32	25	40
Kings City	24	9	12	3	34	27	39
Lalor Utd	25	10	7	8	57	42	37
Westgate	25	10	6	9	45	45	36
Moorabbin City	24	9	7	8	33	28	34
C'Don City Dons	25	8	7	10	43	34	31
Don'ster Rovers	25	7	10	8	32	35	31
Werribee City	24	8	5	11	33	28	29
North City	23	4	7	12	21	38	19
Broadmeadows	24	5	2	17	23	63	17
Glen Eira City	25	1	2	22	18	73	5

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Preston	20	16	1	3	55	20	49
Richmond	21	15	3	3	47	24	48
Moorabbin City	23	13	7	3	58	24	46
Werribee City	26	13	4	6	48	37	43
Don'ster Rovers	25	15	3	9	49	34	47
Kings City	25	12	3	10	60	38	39
Lalor United	25	12	2	11	56	40	38
Croydon City	23	12	2	9	49	36	38
Sp. White Eagles	22	8	2	12	47	47	26
Glen Eira City	25	7	4	14	55	62	25
West Suburbs	25	6	5	14	38	59	23
North City	21	6	2	13	19	61	20
Westgate	24	6	1	17	29	63	19
Broadmeadows	24	2	5	17	20	62	11

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Westvale	25	22	1	2	94	24	64
Sth Dandenong	25	16	4	5	60	29	57
Altona East	25	15	5	5	50	32	50
Altona City	24	10	5	9	37	23	35
Waverley City	25	9	7	9	58	59	34
Ess Brun Royals	25	9	7	9	24	27	
Frankston Pines	25	7	10	8	31	35	31
Knox City	25	7	9	9	39	48	30
East Richmond	24	7	6	11	38	44	27
Regent Bulla	25	5	11	9	28	41	26
Bell Park	24	6	6	12	29	39	24
Oakland	24	5	9	10	33	55	24
Nunawading City	25	3	9	13	25	67	18
Mooroolbark	23	4	5	14	28	51	17

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Frankston Pines	23	16	3	4	56	24	51
Altona City	24	16	2	6	58	30	50
Waverley City	24	15	2	7	72	39	47
Westvale	25	15	5	5	64	40	47
Ess Brun Royals	25	12	4	9	57	30	40
East Richmond	24	9	8	7	40	33	35
Knox City	25	8	8	9	54	46	32
Mooroolbark	24	7	10	7	36	42	31
Oakland	25	9	3	13	60	51	30
Altona East	23	8	6	9	42	45	30
Regent Bulla	23	9	0	14	45	72	27
Sth Dandenong	25	6	4	15	39	65	22
Nunawading City	24	5	4	15	47	60	19
Bell Park	24	2	5	17	24	117	11

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 3

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Frankston	24	10	2	4	71	26	56
Ringwood City	23	15	5	3	62	19	50
Sth Springvale	24	14	5	5	54	27	47
Dia Valley Utd	24	13	3	8	36	32	42
Cranbourne	25	12	5	8	41	31	41
Fitzroy City	23	11	4	8	44	32	37
Pascoe Vale	24	9	6	9	33	35	33
Sth Caulfield	25	10	5	10	42	42	32
Melb City	25	7	7	11	37	43	28
Sth Werribee	24	6	7	11	40	45	25
Keilor Eagles	25	5	9	11	21	34	24
Chelsea	25	6	6	13	39	80	24

Banyule	25	5	8	12	32	54	23
Clifton Hill	24	1	4	19	16	68	7

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cranbourne	25	19	4	2	101	22	61
Ringwood City	23	20	1	2	90	17	61
Keilor Eagles	24	16	5	3	62	29	53
Fitzroy City	24	12	5	7	69	52	41
Sth Springvale	24	11	7	6	53	26	40
Dia Valley Utd	24	12	4	8	60	41	40
Frankston	24	11	5	8	85	47	38
Melb City	24	10	6	8	50	44	36
Pascoe Vale	24	8	3	13	45	57	27
Sth Werribee	24	6	4	14	45	88	22
Banyule	24	6	3	15	48	78	21
Sth Caulfield	25	5	7	13	30	49	19
Chelsea	25	4	2	19	32	91	14
Clifton Hill	24	0	2	22	12	141	2

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 4

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geelong	25	15	7	3	59	30	52
Nth Coburg Utd	25	16	3	6	69	37	51
Yarraville	24	15	6	3	53	27	51
Sun Heights	25	15	3	7	54	25	48
Stonnington	25	14	5	6	53	32	47
Langwarrin	25	9	6	10	48	40	33
Lalor	24	9	6	9	42	36	33
Seaford Utd	25	9	5	11	37	44	32
Sunbury Utd	25	8	7	10	33	37	31
Moreland City	25	8	4	13	39	46	28
Monbulk	24	6	9	9	24	31	27
Corio	25	6	5	14	26	56	23
Williamstown	25	4	6	15	27	58	18
Sand City	24	2	2	20	18	84	8

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Langwarrin	24	19	3	2	82	23	60
Sun Heights	24	16	5	3	73	17	53
Sunbury Utd	25	15	4	6	41	25	49
Lalor	24	14	6	4	59	33	48
Seaford Utd	25	10	8	7	59	41	38
Stonnington	24	11	4	9	48	37	37
Yarraville	22	10	6	6	58	37	36
Nth Coburg Utd	25	10	4	11	62	72	34
Moreland City	25	9	3	13	43	45	30
Geelong	25	5	7	13	32	72	22
Monbulk	23	5	6	12	23	45	21
Corio	25	4	7	14	27	57	19
Williamstown	25	3	6	16	30	77	15
San'tham City	24	4	1	19	29	84	13

PROV LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geel Rangers	23	17	3	3	65	21	54
Keysborough	21	16	1	4	48	15	49
Melton	23	11	2	5	37	22	40
Knox Park	22	11	3	8	46	33	36
Sth Wantirna	20	11	2	7	43	27	35
Sp'vale Condors	21	10	8	3	39	27	35
Nth Sunshine	21	9	3	9	39	36	30
Doveton	22	7	6	9	26	32	27
Mitcham Utd	20	8	2	10	31	32	26
Old Scotch-Haw	22	7	4	11	31	31	25
Ballarat	22	6	3	13	21	43	21
Mornington	22	6	3	13	20	51	21
Glenroy	23	4	6	13	29	45	18
Heidelberg City	22	3	1	18	16	76	10

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox Park	21	12	5	4	53	24	41
Melton	23	12	4	7	46	27	40
Mitcham Utd	17	11	3	3	51	28	36
Mornington	22	10	4	8	35	42	34
Glenroy	21	9	5	7	54	40	32
Ballarat	19	10	2	7	37	34	32
Nth Sunshine	20	9	4	7	32	34	31
Sth Wantirna	22	7	8	7	35	33	29
Sp'vale Condors	21	8	5	8	43	38	26
Geel Rangers	23	7	5	11	42	54	26
Old Scotch-Haw	23	5	9	9	46	49	24

Keysborough	22	5	5	12	37	54	20
Heidelberg City	22	3	10	9	23	51	19
Doveton	22	4	5	13	27	55	17

PROV LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

FIRSTS

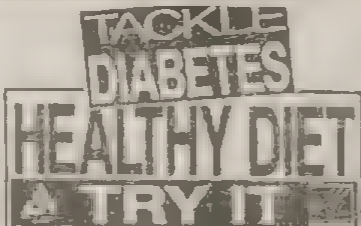
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Endeavour Utd	20	14	6	2	87	19	46
Croxton	20	14	3	3	58	23	45
Lyndale United	21	13	5	3	60	26	44
Sth Yarra	22	12	2	8	49	43	38
Brunswick City	22	11	3	8	42	30	36
Brandon Park	21	11	1	9	39	42	34
Braeside Utd	22	9	3	8	38	36	32
Hoppers Crossing	23	9	5	8	37	55	32
Meadow Park	22	8	6	8	34	36	30
Berwick City	21	6	4	11	31	38	22
Hampt Pk Utd	20	5	6	9	29	45	21
Dandenong	20	5	3	12	25	45	18
Nth Glenroy	23	4	6	13	26	66	18
E Nun Eagles	23	2	1	20	16	67	7

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale United	20	16	4	0	73	13	52
Endeavour Utd	21	16	2	3	73	30	50
Dandenong	21	14	3	4	59	22	45
Brunswick City	22	11	6	5	40	30	39
Nth Glenroy	22	9	3	10	33	51	30
Hampt Pk Utd	20	8	5	7	37	31	29
Berwick City	20	8	4	8	47	41	28
Meadow Park	21	7	6	8	33	34	27
Sth Yarra	20	7	5	8	45	27	26
Hoppers Crossing	22	6	4	12	31	63	22
Croxton	17	5	3	9	28	43	18
Braeside Utd	21	5	3	13	19	67	18
E Nun Eagles	23	4	1	18	20	54	13
Brandon Park	20	3	3	14	24	56	12

PROV LEAGUE DIVISION 3

METRO LEAGUE FIRSTS



TACKLE DIABETES



Note: Games scheduled for September 21 & 22 will now take place on September 28 & 29
Catch up games will be scheduled on the free weekend

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER — ROUND 26

Westgate	v	Richmond
Glen Eira City	v	Preston Lions
Br'meadows City	v	S'vale White Eagles
Werribee City	v	Doncaster Rovers
Croydon City	v	Northcote City
Lalor Utd	v	Western Suburbs
Moorabin City	v	Kingston City

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Knox City	v	Regent-Bulla
Altona East	v	Westvale
Bell Park	v	Mooroolbark
Nunawading City	v	Altona City
Frankston Pines	v	Sth Dandenong
Ess. Bruns Royals	v	Oakleigh
Waverley City	v	East Richmond

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

ROUND — 24

Clifton Hill	v	Banyule City
Pascoe Vale	v	Sth Springvale
Chelsea	v	Ringwood City
Keilor Eagles	v	Sth Werribee
Melbourne city	v	Cranbourne
Sth Caulfield	v	Frankston
Fitzroy City	v	Diamond Valley Utd

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Monbulk	v	Stonnington city
Langwarrin	v	Moreland City
Corio	v	Seaford Utd
Lalor	v	Nth Coburg Utd
Yarraville	v	Geelong
Sandringham City	v	Williamstown
Sunshine Heights	v	Sunbury Utd

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER — ROUND 24

Knox Park	v	S'vale Condors
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(Note: Kick off time: Res. 4.30pm — Firsts 8.30pm)

SATURDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

Glenroy	v	Heidelberg City
Nth Sunshine	v	Sth Wantima
Keysborou8gh	v	Mornington
Ballarat	v	Melton
Doveton	v	Geelong Rangers
Old Scotch/HYawt	v	Mitcham Utd

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Hampton Park Utd	v	South Yarra
Brunswick City	v	Lyndale Utd
East Nun Eagles	v	Berwick city
Braeside Utd	v	Berwick City
Braeside Utd	v	Meadow Park
Dandenong	v	Endeavour Utd
Brandon Park	v	Croxton
Hoppers Crossing	v	Nth Glenroy

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

METROPOLITAN

SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER — ROUND 22

Parkmore	v	Ringwood Rovers
Melb. Uni Rangers	v	Riversdale
Keilor Utd	v	T'stowe Eagles
Br'meadows Utd	v	Elwood city
Monash Uni	v	Uni Melb. Blues
Ashburton	v	Newb/Yalloum

PROVSIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

SOUTHEAST/CENTRAL

SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER — ROUND 23

Nth Caulfield	v	Oakleigh Utd
Endeavour Hills	v	Noble Park
Yarra Utd	v	Flem. Falcons
East Kew	v	Thornbury
Collingwood City	v	Wav. Wanderers
Cam. Br. Old Boys	v	Ivanhoe Utd

PROVSIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

NORTH/WEST

SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER — ROUND 22

Nth Reservoir	v	Northern Utd
Mill Park	v	Sunshine Park

BY DWYGH TUFNELL

ALTONA 2 GREEN GULLY 0

Two late goals sent minor premiers Altona Magic into next week's Victorian Premier League Grand Final at Lakeside Stadium against Heidelberg United.

Magic always looked the more likely winners in the tight game although it took a spectacular goal out of nothing from Henry Velkovski to give them an advantage after extra time was looking imminent.

The Cavaliers were forced to throw the obviously unfit John Waddell and Steve Douglas into the game late on in a desperate attempt but Nick Georgopoulos popped up with an 88th minute header to end the contest.

Chris Vella once again underlined his enormous potential with another fine game, stopping everything that Altona could throw at him.

Magic defender Simon Micevski cut out the ever present danger of Vlad Babic. Babic, the hero against Bentleigh Greens two weeks ago, was unsighted thanks mainly to Micevski and the rest of the Altona defence.

A twenty minute period of pressure finally paid off with a 79th minute freak opener from Velkovski.

A cleared ball from the Gully defence landed with Velkovski, who from 40 yards out, walloped an unstoppable volley beyond Vella.

Experienced campaigners, Waddell and Douglas then

came on to try and inspire the Cavaliers but it was Magic who continued to threaten as they looked to expose the Green Gully backline.

Tony Necesi squeezed a Sash Becvinovski header off the line before Georgopoulos headed in Zdravko Atanasovski's corner.

After doing everything the hard way this season, Cavalier's coach Chris Taylor was proud of his players and believes there are better things to come next season.

"I was quite happy with the performance although the standard of the officials left a little bit to be desired and although I thought they were the better side but we contained them quite well.

"We tried to contain them and hit them on the break but the injuries caught up with us in the end, Douglas and Waddell were only about 80% fit.

"We've got some quality young players coming through and if we can add some quality players to those we could be a force for around 8 to 10 years," Taylor said.

A match up with Heidelberg now awaits Magic for the big prize, a side that Altona have not beaten this season.

Coach Gary Cole anticipates no changes to the lineup although two players had to be taken from the field injured.

Sava Rusmir was replaced in the 72nd minute after receiving a boot to the face whilst his replacement, Zoran Petrevski, was also withdrawn with a corked thigh.

"We believe we were the better side last week. We

certainly created the better chances and we lost on penalties, we've gotten progressively better against them.

"We think we can beat them this time," Cole concluded.

Magic: McGrath, Atanasovski, Tasevski, Runje, Micevski, Markovski, Rusmir (Petrevski 72m — Bogdanovski 90m), Georgopoulos, Becvinovski, Velkovski, Petrov.

Cavaliers: Vella, Stafrace, Climino, Chetcuti, Stojcevski (Douglas 84m), Brown, Suric, Necesi, Scoble (Waddell

83m), Genovesi, Babic (Maglovski 90m).

Scorers: Magic — Velkovski 79m, Georgopoulos 88m.

Yellow Cards: Magic —

none. Cavaliers — Suric 35m, Stafrace 59m, Genovesi 84m.

Red Cards: None.

Crowd: Approx 1000.

Referee: Nestor Zachiriadis.

FINALS RESULTS

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Altona Magic 2 (Velkovski 79m, Georgopoulos 88m) — Green Gully Cavaliers 0

PLAYERS RATINGS

BY JOHN RIGAS

ALTONA MAGIC

Darren McGrath: A quiet afternoon for McGrath. Did not have much to do, and when he did handled it with ease. (7)

Zdravko Atanasovski: Altona's right-back was sensational his attacking raids caused problems for Green Gully. Communicated well with his teammates and had a hand in the second goal. (8)

Marjan Tasevski: Had a quiet first-half, got himself into the game as it progressed. Rock solid at left-back and did not put a foot wrong. (7)

Robert Runje: Experienced sweeper, cleaned up the Gully strikers that came his way. Distribution of the ball to midfielders was accurate. Held the Magic defence together. (8)

Simon Micevski: Had the responsibility in marking dangerous striker Vlad Babic. Micevski performed well, and kept Babic out of the contest. Experience showed in the end. (7)

Tony Markovski: Altona's captain led by example. Markovski won everything in the air and in the process kept Daniel Genovesi quiet. Also had time to help the midfield. (7)

Sava Rusmir: Used his pace and skill to torment the Cavaliers midfield. Received a broken nose in the second half and taken to hospital. Replaced by Zoran Petrevski. (7)

Nick Georgopoulos: Combined well with fellow striker Sash Becvinovski in the second half. His pace and shots on goal worried Gully. Scored the second goal from a header which sealed the victory. (7)

Sash Becvinovski: A player of high quality. Ran all day assisting the midfield and caused problems with his freekicks. Unlucky not to score. (8)

Henry Velkovski: Velkovski made a name for himself after scoring the goal of the game. His scorching 40 metre volley left everyone breathless. He also contributed with strong tackling and marking. (7)

George Petrov: A good contribution from Petrov. Was not spectacular but did his job on the Gully midfield. (6)

Zoran Petrevski: Came on for Sava Rusmir. Set Becvinovski up for a goalscoring opportunity late in the game. Petrevski spent 18 minutes on the park after getting injured. (3)

Steve Bogdanovski: Replaced Peterevski only played three minutes. (no rating)

GREEN GULLY CAVALIERS

Chris Vella: Green Gully's best player. Pulled off some sensational saves as he denied Altona time and time again. (8)

Dean Stafrace: Had a difficult time marking Becvinovski. Inexperience showed in the end as Becvinovski ran Stafrace to the ground. Also showed the yellow card for his troubles. (5)

Adam Cimino: An even first-half tussle with Georgopoulos. Was beaten in the second-half by Georgopoulos was put under pressure late in the game. (6)

Steven Chetcuti: His contribution was rock solid did everything to keep his team in the game. Cleared everything that came his way. (7)

Peter Stojcevski: Busy early on setting up the play from midfield. Gradually died out and replaced by Steve Douglas. (6)

Cameron Brown: Tussled with Petrov all afternoon. Put some strong tackles in, which worried his opponents. Could have contributed more than he did. (5)

Jani Suric: Poor showing from Suric was not in the game at all. By his standards he could have contributed more. (5)

Tony Necesi: Playing on right side of midfield he was always in the play, distributing some excellent balls. (7)

Darren Scoble: Made too many mistakes, hardly sighted eventually substituted for John Waddell in the 83rd minute. (5)

Daniel Genovesi: Had a dirty game, was well held by Tom Markovski and hardly in the contest. Committed silly fouls which resulted in a yellow card. (5)

Vlad Babic: Babic was also well held by Simon Micevski. Did not produce the goods as he has in the past, was replaced by David Maglovski in the last minute. (5)

John Waddell: Injury stricken, Waddell started on the bench. Replaced Scoble with seven minutes left but not enough time to produce the goods. (2)

Steve Douglas: Another vital player with an injury that started on the bench. Replaced Stojcevski in the 84th minute also not enough time to rescue the game. (2)

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VICTORIAN GRAND FINAL FEVER

BY GREG BLAKE

The venue might have changed yet again, but this Sunday's Premier League Grand Final at South Melbourne's Bob Jane Stadium promises plenty.

When finals football was first introduced to decide the championship at this level in 1992, the now sadly demolished Middle Park ground was home to the biggest game of the year.

The fine tradition established there carried on to historic Olympic Park — ironically another stadium set for the scrap heap, at least in its current form — in 1995, where arguably the best Grand Final to date was contested.

This season it's onwards and upwards to the sparkling new stadium as the Premier League prepares for that one special day of the year.

To celebrate this very special week, here's a look back at the Grand Final history of the elite Victorian competition.

1992 CULINA'S REMARKABLE ROOKIES

No club in history had never followed up promotion by winning the Premier League at first attempt.

No coach had ever so outraged his opponents as did North Geelong's brash Branko Culina did on the eve of the very first Premier League finals series in 1992.

If Culina's precious prediction that his rookies would win the title surprised us all, his underrated team pulled off an even bigger stunner by proving their boss to be a fair judge.

Established Bulleen was arriving as a force, Brunswick Juventus had won the title a year before and was building for the National League and Green Gully went into the finals with the most prolific goalscoring set-up in the league.



In the end it came down to a Juventus — North Geelong showdown, with the west coast-based club still expected to finally falter in the remarkable bid to win the Victorian crown at first attempt.

Even after 90 minutes of harrowing Grand Final football the crowd at Middle Park on that historic day didn't really expect the unknowns from North Geelong to upset the might of Juventus.

With the game locked at 1-1 into extra time, the fitter and faster Warriors produced a whirlwind finish which flattened Juve and ended the final chapter of a remarkable fairytale story.

A burst of three goals in 18 minutes set up a still record Grand Final 4-1 scoreline.

Culina's audacious record-setting Grand Final team included five players who stepped up to NSL level, with the Cervinski brothers and Steve Horvat particular success stories.

Brunswick's subsequent elevation to the NSL meant a total of fifteen 1992 Grand Final starters got a taste of the national league following this game.

TOP FIVE:

North Geelong Warriors
Bulleen Lions
Brunswick Juventus
Green Gully Cavaliers
Vawknor Blues

GRAND FINAL DETAILS:

North Geelong 4
(Karkaletis 17th, A. Cervinski 94th, R. Markovac 100th, Cosic 110th) — Brunswick Juventus 1 (Smith 23rd) after extra time.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: Est. 6,000.
Referee: John Fraser.
Jim Rooney Medal Winner: David Cervinski (Nth Geelong).

THE TEAMS:

North Geelong Warriors: Vunderl, Horvat, Cosic, Kuzman, D. Cervinski, Wilson, Bonk, Karkaletis, Georgieski (J. Markovac), A. Cervinski, R. Markovac.
Coach: Branko Culina.
Brunswick Utd Juventus: Laumets, Corvan, Marley, Ferla, Della rocca, De Amicis, Mazzini (Donnelly), Minichiello (Inglese), Lane, Smith, White.
Coach: Billy Rogers.

1993 FROM CLASSY CUBS TO LION KINGS

From the year the team had been promoted to the Premier League in 1988 the Bulleen club had appeared as a likely power in Victorian soccer.

With the backing of the magnificent Veneto Club, Bulleen had tinkered and tampered with the recipe for a couple of years before moving into the 1990's with the air of a club verging on greatness.

The polished Lion machine which rolled off the showroom floor for 1993 was the culmination of the dreaming and scheming, Andy Bozikas's team driving into the Grand Final with relative ease to await a challenger.

North Geelong made the trip to the finals again but bungled the double chance and Sunshine's heroic late season burst came to grief a week shy of the biggest game of the year.

In the end it was left to a Fawknor team to try and end a four-year run of outs — having not beaten the Lions since 1989 — against a Bulleen team brimming with confidence after having shoved the Blues aside in the major semi final a fortnight before.

Fawknor coach Ken Murphy hoped his organisational skills might keep the Lions respectable and that the gun forward combination of the season, Carlos Retre and Brian Bothwell, could continue its in excess of one goal per game average on the big day.

The Blues fought hard enough and were denied what appeared to be a good goal with the match in the balance.

But with Tom Sonsini and Tony Marsan obliterating the Retre-Bothwell threat the Blues were always going to

struggle after going a goal down early after half time.

When Lions defender Frank Valentic got forward to make it 2-0 after 65 minutes the outcome was a forgone conclusion, with Bulleen capping its third consecutive top three finish with a long-awaited title.

TOP FIVE:

Bulleen Lions
Fawknor Blues
North Geelong Warriors
Sunshine Georgies
St Albans Saints

GRAND FINAL DETAILS:

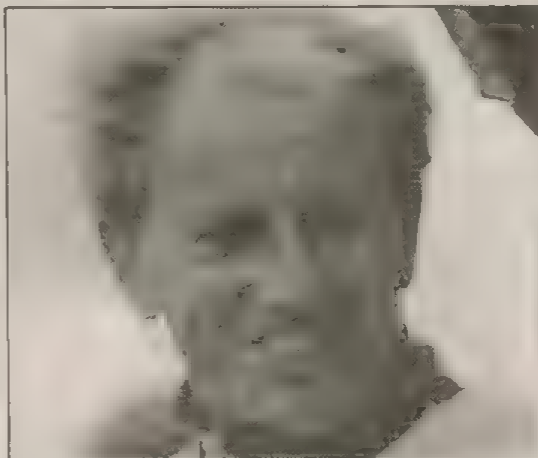
Bulleen 2 (Patterson 50th, Valentic 65th) — Fawknor 0.
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: Est. 4,000.
Referee: Eugene Brazzale.
Jim Rooney Medal Winner: Adrian Pender (Fawknor).

THE TEAMS:

Bulleen Lions: Olver, Krajacic, Valentic, Marsan, Vesnaver, Sonsini, Branov (Giaccherini), Grbac, Tsialos, Patterson, Zinni.
Coach: Andy Bozikas.
Fawknor Blues: Janssen, Pender, O'Donnell (Crivari), Anezakis (Vlatkovic), Kuzman, Goulis, Karkaletis, Jackson, Emmanuele, Bothwell, Retre.
Coach: Ken Murphy.



Branko Culina: Coach of North Geelong in 1992 which shocked Brunswick United.



Ken Murphy: Losing coach of Fawknor Blues when they went down to Bulleen Lions.

1994 THE PRIDE RETURNS

The Preston team built by Peter Ollerton had been a certain finalist from mid-year and a probable Grand Final team on cementing top spot.

Ollerton had come in from the coaching cold after a long suspension and produced a team reflective of the man himself; disciplined, resolute, experienced and particularly lethal.

'Ollie's' return also heralded the reluctant return of Preston to the state competition after a decade in the National League and it was a question of character to see how the proud club would respond.

Like North Geelong and Bulleen before them, the table-topping Lions had advanced straight into the big game after edging the reigning champions in a tense penalty shoot-out in the major semi final.

Injury hit Altona Magic had crumbled when it counted, Sunshine had left the run too late once again and Bulleen had been stunned by rookies Port Melbourne a game shy of back-to-back grand finals.

Port's engaging style had won the hearts of Premier League fans and Takis

Svigos's newcomers entertained hopes of emulating North Geelong's fairytale rise in 1992.

In the end the Grand Final came down to the most accomplished team in against the most enterprising, with the former, Preston, rolling home 3-1.

While the result might not have altered regardless, who didn't play on the day — and who wasn't expected to play — a significant part — certainly affected the game.

Port's dramatic four-week finals roller-coaster meant no Grand Final for suspended 24-goal forward Peter Psarros, injured key front man Terry Rizopoulos or suspended sweeper Leo Kyriakopoulos and the losses were telling.

The last name likely to worry the Sharks was little-known Chris Sterjovski, the hopeful 18 year-old in a star-studded Preston line-up. By day's end the kid was a part of finals folklore, having scored the first Grand Final double and taken out the prestigious Rooney Medal for a Grand Final MVP.

TOP FIVE:

Preston Lions
Bulleen Lions
Port Melbourne Sharks
Altona Magic
Sunshine Georgies

GRAND FINAL DETAILS:

Preston 3 (McAleer 26th, Sterjovski 55th and 67th) — Port Melbourne 1 (Tsoulakis pen. 86th).
Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: Est. 5,511.
Referee: Gerry Connelly.
Jim Rooney Medal Winner: Chris Sterjovski (Preston)

THE TEAMS:

Preston Lions: Traianedes, Spasevski (Hayes), Stojcevski, Blair, Chalmers, Pender, Sterjovski, White, McAleer, Becvinovski, Lane.
Coach: Peter Ollerton.
Port Melbourne Sharks: Lilikakis, Argyrou (Pasakos), Dimitrellos, Haitas, Fak, Palamaras, Tsoulakis, Papadopoulos, Nikolakopoulos (Karakyriakos), Rusmir, Rizopoulos.
Coach: Takis Svigos.



Peter Ollerton: Took Preston to a 3-1 victory.



Ian Dobson: He took Melbourne Knights to a great Grand Final win.

1995 DOBSON WEAVES MAGIC

No club in recent Premier League history had flattered to deceive as often as Altona Magic in the 1990's.

A club always romancing some of the more engaging local stars, but only ever flirted with genuine success. Dobson, his coaching future now assured after more recent success at NSL level with the Knights, was only hastily bundled into the job at Paisley Park when vacated mid-year in 1993. Within weeks he had turned the club into a contender with Magic only just missing the finals that season and following up with an ill-fated near miss in '94, when a spate of injuries cost his team the double chance.

Not content with that cameos finals appearance Dobson and Magic were a force again in '96 although still not rated a genuine chance against three other clubs in the play-off race. As expected, the finals rookies from battling Albion had been bundled out on finals opening day, leaving the field wide open, although Sunshine's bid to clinch the double chance

was wasted, with the Georgies losing both their finals games. When Pt Melbourne clinched the minor premiership with six full rounds remaining and went on to finish ladder leader by an all-time record margin it seemed incomprehensible that the Sharks wouldn't get another crack at the Grand Final. Yet the unlikely became a reality when the Sharks fell one game short of the big day to a Bulleen outfit which had looked out of the race mid-year.

The Lions had had their fortunes revived by Peter Ollerton, having produced a withering late season bid to become the first side to make the big game after travelling the rocky road from the elimination final. On Grand Final day it was Dobson, who had played under Ollerton in the '80's, against a Bulleen coach boasting a remarkable three state title successes in just three attempts (Croydon in '85, '86 and Preston in '94). And it was a close thing in the best Grand Final played to date, with Bulleen leading twice before cameo hero John Markovski scored a match

TOP FIVE:

Port Melbourne Sharks
Altona Magic
Sunshine Georgies
Bulleen Lions
Albion Redsox

GRAND FINAL DETAILS:

Altona Magic 3 (Kutlesovski 29th, Georgopoulos 54th, J. Markovski 92nd) — Bulleen 2 (White 16th and 41st), after extra time.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: Est. 5,000.
Referee: Eugene Brazzale.
Jim Rooney Medal Winner: Chris Emsovski (Altona Magic).

THE TEAMS:

Altona Magic: McGrath, Cvetkovski, Atanasovski (Madarovski), Runje, Harris, T. Markovski, Velkovski, Georgopoulos, Kutlesovski, Emsovski, Radecki (J. Markovski).
Bulleen Lions: Olver, Krajacic (Uliana), Liparotti, Tsiaikos, Sonsini, Grbac, White, Patterson, Di Iorio, Lenetis (Iebbianjo), Lutgens.
Coach: Peter Ollerton.

winner to make it 3-2 to Magic just two minutes into a dramatic extra time period.

WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAP

OUTBACK TALENT UNEARTHED

Competing this week at the Australian Youth Championship is 17 year old Nikki Phillips, living proof that the growth of women's soccer has spread to even the most remote corners of this wide brown land.

Phillips, representing South Australia, hails from Broken Hill, a New South Wales mining town which lies about as far west as you can go before hitting the SA border.

Well isolated from the populace of NSW, the people of Broken Hill identify more with South Australia, with Adelaide their closest capital city at a mere distance of 450 kms.

Phillips has been trekking the long road to Adelaide for two seasons now to pursue her soccer career. The opportunity to play in the big smoke came

about with the assistance of a former coach. A simple telephone call last year to SA ITC Coach Kevin McCormack alerted the Adelaide connection to the talent of Nikki Phillips.

Then the suggestion of a visit to see for himself the calibre of the local players, and McCormack obliged. After making the journey, McCormack did not see Phillips, but had heard enough about her to invite her down to Adelaide for trials anyway.

"She made an instant impact," recalled McCormack. "Nikki is a centre forward - very powerful, fast and strong."

What followed was a weekly trip to Adelaide to play for McCormack's ITC Squad in the Under 15 Boys' competition. "It's great," said Phillips. "We have a game

every Wednesday night. Sometimes I used to catch the plane down, but now I go by bus. The Silver City Bullet bus is sponsoring me. Mum thought of the idea and she rang them."

The Bullet is a six hour trip which Phillips takes on a Wednesday morning, returning on Thursday afternoon.

"It's a bit hard coming from the country," said Phillips who was born and bred in Broken Hill. "Sometimes they don't look at country people."

Phillips is a true country character, but has adjusted to her city teammates. "They're good - they have made me really welcome and showed me around town. I really fit in now."

It wasn't long before Phillips came to the attention of State Team officials. Aged

sixteen, she was drafted into the 1995 State Youth Team. Her performances in her first National Titles were enough for National Coach Tom Sermanni to select her for an Australian Junior Squad Training Camp at the AIS Canberra.

"At the dinner afterwards, they were announcing the squad, and my name was called. At the camp, the girls from the other states also made me welcome. It was excellent - good coaching and stuff."

Playing State, and selection for the Canberra camp are the obvious highlights of Phillips whirlwind rise to national recognition, but there is one other bonus. "Probably being well known I s'pose," she added.

Now soccer has exposed the youngster to friendly new

people and distant cities. Phillips' thoughts for the future stretch further afield. "I'd like to play in Sydney 2000 - that's if I make it. And I'd like to go overseas."

Unable to train in Adelaide with the ITC and State teams, McCormack has given Phillips a special program to follow at home, sections of which are new concepts to her, including that of aerobic training. "Yeah, he wants me to have health foods and all that stuff," said Phillips. "And I have to do special training here so I'm ready to go away to Perth. I've been training a lot."

A TAFE student two days a week, Phillips learns about computers and keyboarding. But the rest of her time is consumed by soccer - indoor soccer on Mondays, combined training Tuesdays, 'special'

State program Wednesdays, club training Thursdays, special again on Fridays, boys colts game on Saturday, and women's match on Sunday.

At home, Phillips plays for the Alma club in the women's competition consisting of four teams. "Women's teams have only been here for the last four and a half years, but the competition is pretty tough now. But I also sometimes play B and A grade with the boys."

But Phillips' sudden fame has at times produced its own obstacles as well. "There was some trouble with the local people, but now they're use to it, and I get congratulations. Some of the boys would be a bit jealous and try and take me out of the match."

Starting in the round ball game at the tender age of four, Phillips has always played

with the boys. "Mum just said she wanted to put me in a sport, and she thought soccer would be good."

She possesses a simple love of the game, and describes herself as "a striker who likes scoring all the goals."

Amazingly, Phillips is not the only player to make State representation from the Broken Hill ranks. With her currently in Perth putting their town on the map are Jackie Passlon and Natalie Thomas, who were able to manage attending State training.

"This year we've got a pretty strong team, so I heard from the other two," said Phillips before departing for Perth. "So we should have a chance."

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Weston Creek Do the Double

Weston Creek added the ACTWSA Club Cup to their league Premiership with a 2-0 victory over rivals Canberra City last Saturday at O'Connor Oval.

Goalkeeper Sue Read was superb in goals, admirably supported by teammates Cindy Doyle and Kim Williams, to emerge victors.

"I really didn't think we'd get the double," said coach John Crannock. "We were missing three of our key players, and I thought that would cost us today."

Weston had to fight hard against their talented opponents, and in fact it was Canberra City who dominated the first half. Angie Bean led the City attack, peppering Read with shot after shot from the opening couple of minutes.

But an inspired Read kept a clean sheet in testing conditions, along with her defence, denying Bean on four close occasions, her best chance skimming the top of the crossbar just before half time.

Then ten minutes after the break, Weston took full

advantage of the strong wind to snare the lead. A keeping error by City's Tory Turner in attempting to control a Nina Matoc long bomb, allowed Michelle Singer to put away the crumbs.

The goal raised Weston's spirits, although City fought on in search of an equaliser. But unable to hit the target, City were then further demoralised as Weston doubled their lead in the 65th minute. Tracy Carr ran at the Canberra defence and was awarded a penalty after going down in the box.

Matoc converted from the spot, sealing victory for Weston Creek over Canberra City who had achieved the double last season.

In a day of finals at O'Connor, Canberra City defeated Belconnen Utd 2-0 in the U/16 division, Tuggeranong beat Harman in extra time for the Division 3 trophy, Burns Stormbirds were victorious over Uni of Canberra in Division 2, with Burns Stormbirds winning on penalties against Tuggeranong for a final scoreline of 5-4 in Reserve Grade.

EASTS BEAT YOUNG QAS SIDE

Brisbane's Grand Final a fortnight ago proved a great success, bringing together sixteen competing teams from all grades, including four new clubs. Crowd numbers at Geebung were at an all-time high, with colour and entertainment creating a real carnival atmosphere.

It was most encouraging to see the lower division teams well supported by their clubs' men's teams.

Feature match was the grand final clash between two fine teams. Premiers Eastern Suburbs, with a very experienced line-up, have in their ranks several former and current internationals. Their opponents were the young Queensland Academy of Sport, runners-up for the season, with two senior internationals leading a host of youth and junior reps.

QAS were keen to turn the tables on the premiers, after a great tussle between the two over the season. But two early Easts goals courtesy of World Cup player Sonia Gegenhuber set back Academy's plans.

The youngsters fought on well, and were able to reduce the deficit in the 70th minute through Aussie striker Tammie Thornton. However the experience of Easts denied QAS getting any closer despite a spirited effort in attack. Easts held out to retain their 2-1 lead at the final whistle, and gratefully accepted the winners' trophy.

QAS/ITC Coach Greg Brown was not however overly disappointed with the two runners-up placings for the year. "The competition has been good this year, with Brisbane City coming in third. I was happy with my team - they are only a young side, but they have performed well. In the Grand Final, I thought we played some good football, but after their two early goals, they held us out."



Sonia Gegenhuber: On the winning side for Eastern Suburbs in the QLD Grand Final.

EASTERN SUBURBS:

Susan Clayton, Lisa Wilkes, Sonia Gegenhuber, Marie Grant, Tammy Jansen, Kim Jones, Leanne Priestly, Joanne Millman, Louise Davis, Lisa Dunne, Nicole Grame, Rene Ramin, Janine McPhee, Charlotte Higgins.

QUEENSLAND ACADEMY OF SPORT:

Tanya Cowan, Kelly Polakow, Sarah Garven, Kate Stork, Kelly Russell, Olivia Hohnke, Corinne Currey, Louise McMurtrie, Bronwyn Duce, Brooke Short, April Mann, Megan Bond, Megan Slean, Alicia Ferguson, Tammie Thornton, Brenda Bell, Georgette Leake, Joanne Butland.



Tammie Thornton: Scored the only goal for QAS in their 1-2 reversal to Eastern Suburbs.

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SOUTH AMERICA

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MARADONA IN BOCA'S SQUAD FOR SUPERCUP

Despite Maradona's threat of leaving his beloved Boca Juniors of Argentina, the most popular club in the country included him in the team's list presented to the South American Football Confederation for the next Supercup.

Maradona, who recently threatened to take legal action against Paraguayan International goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert, is in Canada visiting his brother Lalo and will return to Argentina after a few days in Havana, Cuba.

According to Guillermo Coppola, Maradona's manager, the controversial player received offers from Uruguayan, Japanese and Italian clubs, but he hasn't

made up his mind yet. There is still a possibility of Maradona returning to Boca Juniors.

Meanwhile, Boca Juniors and Racing Club named 25 footballers each for the South American Supercup, a competition reserved for past and present winners of the Libertadores Cup.

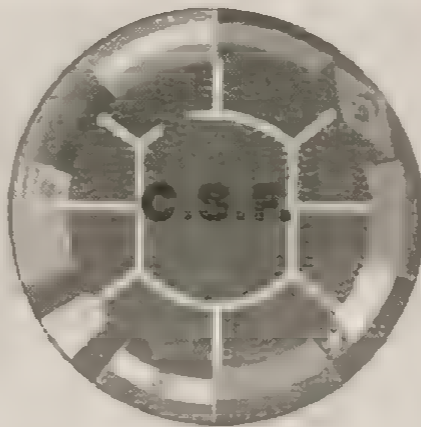
Boca Juniors' squad is: Carlos Montoya, Fernando Caceres, Nelson Vivas, Julio Torresani, Diego Cagna, Nesto Fabbri, Sebastian Rambert, Jose Basualdo, Christian Gonzalez, Diego Maradona, Diego Latorre, Sandro Guzman, Gustavo Dalsasso, Nestor Lorenzo, Silvio Carraro, Christian Dollberg, Emilio Rey, Raul Peralta, Roberto Pompei, Sergio

Martinez, Gabriel Cedres, Walter del Rio, Anibal Matellan, Ruben Cantero and Sergio Diduch.

Coach: Bilardo
Racing's squad is: Ignacio Gonzalez, Carlos Galvan, Carlos Mac Allister, Mauro Navas, Fernando Quiroz, Jose Serrizuela, Marcelo Delgado, Gustavo Chamoca, Martin Villalonga, Ruben Capria, Esteban Fuertes, Darian Rodriguez, Sebastian Brusco, Claudio Ubeda, Alberto Garrido, Luis Capurro, Pablo Michelini, Hector Gonzalez, Damian Facciuto, Claudio Graf, Roberto Saavedra, Gustavo Ortiz and Walter Caceres.

Coach: Brindisi

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BOCA JUNIORS BUYING SPREE

Just a few days before its first match against Estudiantes de La Plata, for the Argentine League first phase first round, Boca Juniors finalised its buying spree signing players for a total of US\$17 million, and selling for US\$13 million.

The following is Boca's total investment in new players.

Fernando Caceres (defender) from Spanish Club Zaragoza ... US\$3,400,000

Sebastian Rambert (striker) from Inter Milan of Italy ... US\$3,000,000

Silvio Carraro (striker) from Racing Club of Argentina ... US\$1,200,000

Christian Dollberg (defender) from German Club Cologne ... US\$720,000

Nestor Lorenzo (defender) from Ferro Carril Oeste of Argentina ... US\$150,000

Julio Torresani (midfielder) from Colon of Argentina ... US\$900,000

Sandro Guzman (goalkeeper) from Velez

Sarsfield of Argentina ... US\$600,000

Diego Cagna (midfielder) from Independiente of Argentina ... US\$1,664,000

Gabriel Cedres (attacking midfielder) from River Plate of Argentina ... US\$800,000

Diego Latorre (attacking midfielder) from Salamanca of Spain ... US\$1,340,000

Roberto Pompei (attacking midfielder) from Velez Sarsfield of Argentina ... US\$1,800,000

Roberto Abbondancieri (defender) from Rosario Central of Argentina ... US\$1,000,000

Boca Juniors' latest signing is Bolivian young, talented Milton Coimbra. The 21 year old, from Oriente Petrolero of Santa Cruz, and member of the Bolivian national team, will go to the Argentine club on loan for the rest of the season. Boca Juniors will pay Oriente US\$300,000 and if the club wants to buy him will have to pay an additional US\$1.3 million.

World Cup South America Group

BOLIVIA 0 PERU 0

Played: Hernan Siles Stadium, La Paz, Bolivia
Crowd: 48,000

BOLIVIA: C Trucco, M Rinba, JM Pena, O Sanchez, M Sandy, I Castillo, J Baldivieso, Erwin "Platini" Sanchez (R Paniagua), R Castillo, M Etcheverry, M Coimbra (J Moreno).

Coach: Dusan Draskovic (Yugoslav)

PERU: J Balerio, M Marengo, Jose Soto, J Reinoso, P Olivares, J Jayo, R Serrano (Julinho), J Pereda, P Zagarra, R Palacios (Jorge Soto), Flavio Maestri (G Carty).

Coach: Juan Carlos Oblitas (Peruvian)

Yellow cards: E Sanchez, J Jayo, M Etcheverry (all Bolivians), P Olivares and J Balerio (all Peruvians).

Referee: Oscar Velazquez (Paraguay)

COLOMBIA 4 CHILE 1

Played: Barranquilla Stadium, Colombia
Crowd: 55,000

COLOMBIA: F Mondragon, J Santa, J Bermudez, A Mendoza, H Galeano, C Valderrama, M Serna, H Lozano, I Quinonez (O Lopez), F Asprilla (J Ramirez), V Aristizabal (A De Avila)

Coach: Hernan Dario Gomez (Colombian)

CHILE: N Tapia, R Rojas, J Gonzalez, J Margas, C Romero, C Mora, L Musri, J Estay (J Sierra), M Vega, Ivan Zamorano, M Salas (Rozenal).

Coach: Nelson Acosta (Uruguayan)

Goals: 5th, 32nd, 48th, Faustino Asprilla (Colombia); 43rd Jorge Bermudez (Colombia); 56th Ivan Zamorano (Chile) (penalty)

Yellow cards: None

Red cards: 56th Alexis Mendoza (Colombia); 88th Jose Luis Sierra (Chile).

Referee: Sidaraek Marinho (Brazil)

ARGENTINA 1 PARAGUAY 1

Played: Monumental stadium, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Crowd: 72,000

ARGENTINA: G Burgos, J Zanetti (J Albomoz), R Ayala, F Caceres, J Chamot, C Bassedas (S Veron), M Almeyda, H Morales, A Ortega, G Barros Schelotto, G Batistuta

Coach: Daniel Passarella (Argentinian)

PARAGUAY: J L Chilavert, C Gamarra, C Ayala, C Rivarola, S Suarez, R Acuna (Alcaraz), J C Enciso, H Bourider, V Sanabria (F Esteche), A Rojas (G Gonzalez), R Baez

Coach: Julio Cesar Carpeggiani (Paraguayan)

Goals: 26th Gabriel Batistuta (Argentina); 42nd Jose Luis Chilavert (Paraguay)

Yellow cards: None

Red cards: None

Referee: Antonio Pereira Da Silva (Ecuador)

ECUADOR 1 VENEZUELA 0

Played: Atahualpa Stadium, Quito, Ecuador

Crowd: 42,000

ECUADOR: JC Morales, W Rivera, M Tenorio, Ivan Hurtado, L Capurro, W Carabali, J Diaz (A Obregon), J Gavica (A Fernandez), A Aguinaga, G De Souza, Edoardo Hurtado

Coach: Francisco Maturana (Colombia)

VENEZUELA: R Dudamel, L Filosa, W Gonzalez, E Tortolero, L Macintosh, S Hernandez, J Valiente (G Urdaneta), L Vera (G Diaz), G Miranda, J C Socorro (F Hernandez), J Garcia

Coach: Rafael Santana (Venezuelan)

Goal: 4th Alex Aguinaga (Ecuador)

Yellow cards: J Valiente and E Tortolero (Venezuelans)

Red cards: None

Referee: Carlos Robles (Chile)

SCORERS:

With 5 goals: Faustino Asprilla (Colombia)

With 3 goals: Eduardo Hurtado (Ecuador), Ivan Zamorano (Argentina)

With 2 goals: Ariel Ortega (Argentina), Gabriel Batistuta (Argentina), Alex Aguinaga (Ecuador), Julio Baldivieso (Bolivia)

With 1 goal: Jose Gavica, Alberto Montano and Maximo Tenorio (Ecuador), Marco Sandy, Marco Etcheverry, Milton Coimbra, Berthy Suarez and Roly Paniagua (Bolivia), Marcelo Otero and Gustavo Poyet (Uruguay), Roberto Palacios and Juan Reinoso (Peru), Victor Aristizabal, Jorge Bermudez, Carlos Valderrama and Anthony De Avila (Colombia), Jose Luis Chilavert, Francisco Arce and Anstides Rojas (Paraguay), Javier Margas, Fabian Estay and Marcelo Salas (Chile), Dionny Guerra and Edson Tortolero (Venezuela).

RESULTS UP TO DATE:

April 24

Ecuador 4 Peru 1; Argentina 3 Bolivia 1; Venezuela 0 Uruguay 2; Colombia 1 Paraguay 0.

Bye: Chile.

June 2

Ecuador 2 Argentina 0; Uruguay 0 Paraguay 2; Peru 1 Colombia 1; Venezuela 1 Chile 1.

Bye: Bolivia.

July 7

Chile 4 Ecuador 1; Colombia 3 Uruguay 1; Bolivia 6 Venezuela 1, Peru 0 Argentina 0.

Bye: Paraguay.

September 1:

Ecuador 1 Venezuela 0; Colombia 4 Chile 1;

TABLE

COUNTRY	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
Colombia	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Ecuador	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Argentina	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Chile	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Paraguay	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Bolivia	3	1	1	1	7	4	4
Uruguay	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Peru	4	0	3	1	2	5	3
Venezuela	4	0	1	3	2	10	1

Bolivia 0 Peru 0; Argentina 1 Paraguay 1.

Bye: Uruguay.

NEXT ROUND

October 9

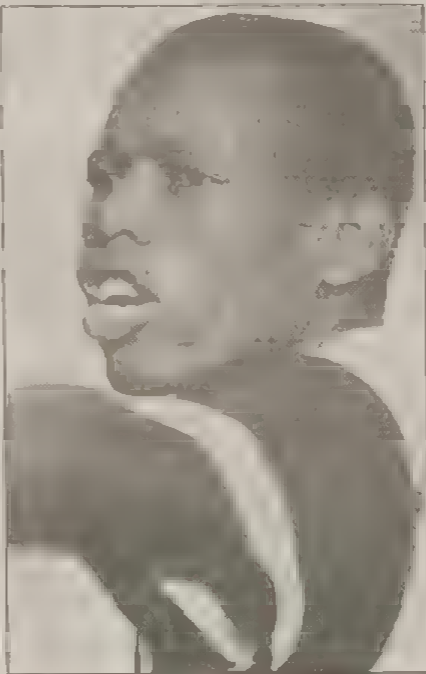
In Caracas: Venezuela v Argentina

In Montevideo: Uruguay v Bolivia

In Quito: Ecuador v Colombia

In Asuncion: Paraguay v Chile

Bye: Peru



Faustino Asprilla: Struck a hat-trick for Colombia against Chile.

COPA AMERICA 1997

The Copa America, the major competition at nation's level in South America, will be held in Bolivia from July 9, 1997, with the participation of title holder Uruguay, 1994 World Cup champions Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Paraguay, Chile, Ecuador, host nation Bolivia, Mexico, United States, and possibly Spain.

The Europeans were invited to the last edition but declined because their commitments in the old continent. Nevertheless there is a strong chance of their presence next year.

The tournament will be played in six cities, the capital La Paz, Santa Cruz, Cochabamba, Tarija, Sucre and Oruro.

The groups will be based in La Paz, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz, with some of the first round qualifying games to be played in Tarija, Sucre and Oruro.

The South American Football Confederation will hold the draw of the Copa America next October or November, and the seeded teams, according to unofficial sources, will be Uruguay, Brazil and Bolivia.

CHILE AND COSTA RICA DRAW IN FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL

The national teams of Costa Rica and Chile drew, 1-1, in a friendly international played at Edgardo Baltodano stadium, of the city of Liberia, 230 kilometres north west off San Jose, in front of 25,000 spectators.

Costa Rican defender Ronald Gonzalez opened the account for the locals, in the 67th minute through a penalty kick, and substitute Marcelo Salas equalised for the visitors in the 80th.

The Central Americans dominated the first 35 minutes of the match, but the South Americans with the efforts of

Musri, Castaneda and Vega, took control of the game in the second half.

Both teams were solid in defence but lacked depth upfront.

COSTA RICA: Lonnis, Marin, Delgado, Gonzalez, Madrigal, Wright, Solis, Ramirez, Gomez (82nd Flores), Oviedo (32nd Fonseca), Gomez (82nd Badilla).

CHILE: Ramirez (45th Tapia), Acuna (64th Romero), Salvatierra, Rojas, Miranda, Musri, Mora, Castaneda (64th Sierra), Vega Carreno (45th Zamorano), Rozenal (72nd Salas).

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The SAUS30m transfer of Alan Shearer from Blackburn Rovers to Newcastle United prompted me to look at fees over the years. Although this game in its present format has been around for only 120 years or so, it's quite amazing when considering the rate of inflation during this time. The first ever, all monies mentioned are in Pd Stg, 500 and 1,000 fee were linked with one man - Alfred Common.

He was sold to Sheffield United in 1902 to Sunderland who then sold him on for the latter amount to Middlesbrough in 1905 where in his first game, helped them secure their first away win for nearly two years and avoid the

drop to Division Two.

Bryan Robson became the 1 and a half million pound man when signing for Manchester United from West Bromwich Albion which heralded the last of the big money transfers for a while. During the period from 1974 to 1980 fee's escalated by over 500%! A return to those dark days is not envisaged of course and the Shearer figure should stand for a very, very long time. No matter who the club, no-one team can continue to spend such vast sums on a single player and expect to remain solvent...can they?

These figures are based solely on English/Scottish football of course as the first 500,000 plus fee was paid

How fees have grown and grown

by Real Madrid to Bayern Munich for Paul Breitner, actual fee being some 675,000 in 1975. The first actual 500,000 fee paid between two English clubs was 510,000 by West Brom for a certain David Mills from Middlesbrough in January 1979.

The first player to have been sold for 1 million pounds TWICE, in England, was Clive Allen when signing for Arsenal in June 1980 from QPR before being sold in August 1980 to Crystal Palace without kicking a ball in anger for the North London side! Overseas the first 1m pound man was G Savoldi when transferred from Bologna to Naples in 1975, actual fee - 1,100,000 Stg.

All in all, fees have played a major contribution to the game, helping to secure the futures of some of the lower division sides, but the days of mega deals being struck should prove to be well and truly over under the Bosman Ruling. Let's all hope so.



Kevin Keegan: The first half million pound transfer in 1977 to Hamburg from Liverpool.



Trevor Francis: When he moved from the West to the East Midlands he went for one million.

Fee	Paid To	From	Player	Year
2,000	West Ham	B Rovers	Danny O'Shea	Dec 1912
2,500	Falkirk	Chelsea	T Logan	1913
5,000	West Ham	Falkirk	Sid Puddefoot	Feb 1922
10,000	Bolton W	Arsenal	David Jack	Oct 1928
100,000	Man City	Torino	Denis Law	Jul 1961
250,000	Sunderland	Man City	Dennis Tueart	1974
500,000	Liverpool	Hamburg	Kevin Keegan	Jun 1977
1 mill	Birmingham	N Forest	Trevor Francis	Feb 1979

Premier League Blank

Peter Bozovic writes asking about Liverpool fixtures as he'll be in the UK for a few days from October 3-11 and wants to see his beloved Liverpool side. The bad news is that there are none during this time due to World Cup Qualifiers.

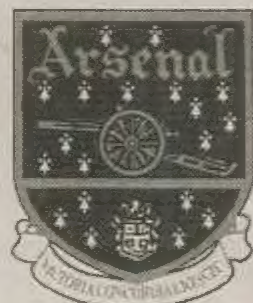
The good news is that if he can hang on for one more day, October 12 then Liverpool are away to Manchester United in an 11.15am kick-off at Old Trafford. Hope this is of some help?

HIGHBURY TO FA

You may have seen news that Mr Phil Carling is to leave Arsenal Football Club in his position as Commercial and Marketing Manager because he has been Chelsea'd (Headhunted) by the Football Association to take over the position there and lead them into the next century.

Hopefully, we'll have a exclusive interview with the man next week but I can say that Phil has been a tireless worker at Highbury over the past seven years and he is certainly the right man for the

job at English football's HQ. We wish him the very best for the future.



Best and Marsh

George Best and Rodney Marsh discuss highlights of football during the era of their playing careers, starting with the unique atmosphere of the hard, but friendly, tradition of local derbies. We see the contests between the legendary sides of Manchester - City and United - with Francis Lee, Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee alongside those of Arch rivals McIlroy and Kidd for the reds.

Fierce rivals Arsenal and West Ham are looked at too with Ball and Armstrong to the fore, all providing classic examples of what derby football is all about.

The next topic looked at is Goalscorers where the opportunist style of and perfection of Bob Latchford is pitted against Malcolm Macdonald's blistering pace and deadly finishing are examined amongst others.

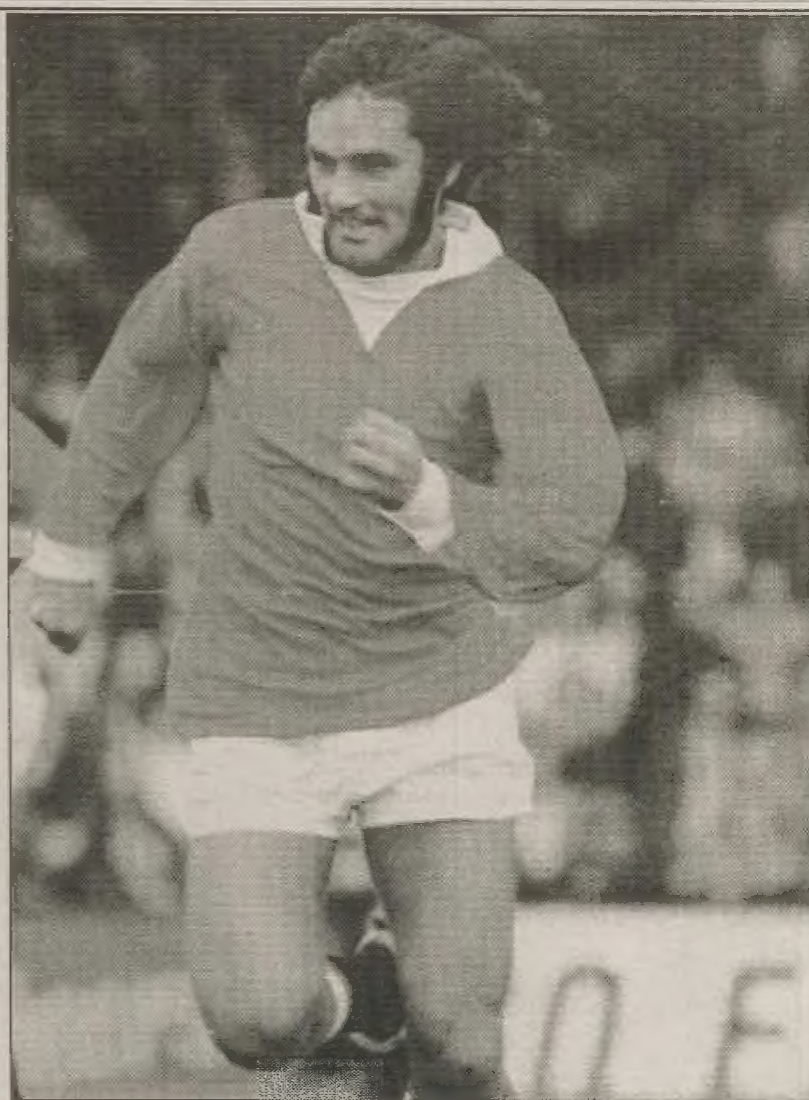
Yet another episode looks at English clubs in Europe and features the thrilling action from Man Utd's 1968 European Cup victory when Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law were the most lethal strike force in football, not forgetting Brian Kidd either. Added to this is a look

at the great Liverpool and spurs sides with the likes of Chivers, Peters, Keegan, Kennedy and Fairclough under the microscope and some memorable footage from the archives.

Finally, the video finishes with a segment on the most special competition of them all - the FA Cup. The tradition of the cup is well documented and is carried out in this interview style segment with a look at the high and mighty contrasting with the role of the underdogs. Some great names are mentioned here too with Dalglish, Jordan and Greenhoff to mention but a few.

Obviously, with this pair of larakins put together, there's a lot of laughs to accompany the serious discussion which cannot be a bad thing. A trip down memory lane is just what the doctor ordered, well worth a look.

Star Rating: Priced at 8:49 Stg (inc P+P) and available from Tracks, 14 Railway St, Hertford, Herts SG14-1BG. Don't forget to fill in the coupon below for our fantastic offer of Buy Four, Get One Free (pay only postage for FREE video).



George Best: Manchester United star who joins with Rodney Marsh to introduce all the subjects of the video.



Celtic FC

BY STUART JONES

Ground: Celtic Park.
Address: 95 Kerrydale St., Glasgow G40 3RE.
Railway Stn: Mount Florida and Kings Park.
Founded: 1888.

Admitted to League: 1890.
Ground Capacity: 38,000 (60000 when redevelopment complete).
Seats: 38,000.
Pitch Size: 115 * 75 yards.
Largest Gate: 92,000 v Rangers Division One, 1 Jan. 1938.
Biggest Win: 11-0 v Dundee Division One, 26 Oct. 1895.
Biggest Loss: 0-8 v Motherwell Division One, 30 Apr. 1937.
Nickname: The Bhoys.
Colours: Green and White Hoops.
Honours: League Champions Division

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One: 1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54/1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74. Premier Division: 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88. Runners Up 23 times. Scottish Cup Winners: 1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995. Runners Up 16 times. Leagues Cup winners: 1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83. Runners Up 10 times. European Cup Winners: 1966/67. Runners Up 1969/70.

History: As you can see by the number of trophies, to do a history of Celtic in such a short space will never do the club justice. To mention some names would be to leave out some of the greats. Suffice to say that Celtic are oje of the big two in Scotland and a club with great history in european competition. They finished runners up to Ranges last season.

Weird and Wonderful

Well done to many of the clubs who got promoted last season, right through the leagues. Gillingham, Plymouth and Preston are doing okay and Bury are going great guns. Bradford and Oxford have struggled but especially the Us look good enough to stay up. Steve McMahon apparently turned down Man City (its becoming a trend) to stay at Swindon who are doing quite well. In the PL Sunderland are doing best with Derby looking to consolidate after a lacklustre start. Leicester got their first win up and a draw but are struggling now. Watching them on Optus vision against surprise packets Wednesday they showed real fight and will be better than they were a couple of seasons ago. In other League news talk abounds of a huge argument between Dean Holdsworth and Joe Kinnear at Wimbledon. It will be interesting to see what comes of that over the next few weeks. At present the dons need Dean's goals and can't really afford to lose him. Certainly if they get relegated the plans to move to Dublin may be called off (if FIFA would let it happen anyway). In Scotland Raith are managerless again which is not surprising considering their start. Whoever takes on the job will have a big task to keep the lads up.

The England game was a good look to the future with manager Hoddle's five man midfield. Okay there were only three goals and the real test will come against Poland at Wembley but the signs look good. However both Venables and Taylor won their first game and both went through despair, Venables turning it around but Taylor did not. Hinchcliffe played well on his debut (at 27), while even Le Tissier got a run (all of seven minutes). Scotland grabbed a point and Ireland enjoyed their rout, however Northern Ireland may be disappointed. Despite all the effort it looks a very long way from 1986 when Northern Ireland were in the World Cup Finals, finally watching the game on Optus, Wales could have scored a heap more goals and while it's fantastic to win 6-0 there must be concern that Hughes and Saunders squander important chances for Wales. After all the goalie they faced on Saturday was a 'mare, John Hartson scored a hat trick in the under 21 game so maybe he might come in but at this stage Gould will stick with Hughes and Saunders. Talking of that game I'm sure Ryan giggs will never have seen so much room down the flanks! By the end of the game the term wing backs were being used for the central defenders of Wales!

Another Non League ground is Bishop Stortford's, in Cambridgeshire. The ground's stand is Black and Gold. As non league grounds go it is quite good. While not up to League standards it does have a nice old grandstand for the fans to view the game from, and it is quite tall for those who like to look down on the game. If you are looking for a ground where you are close to the play then visit Dagenham and Redbridge's home. I was watching in my seat and behind me was the Dagenham manager yelling out instructions to the team. It was a great experience as you could learn what can really go on in the pressure of a game. And the game was a pressure one — trying to avoid relegation and battling against local rivals Welling !! (It finished 0-0). The ground was really quite poor, however the facilities inside were great — a nice bar and function rooms. the people were also great. It's a great shame the club were relegated from the Conference last season, and I hope they make it back up very soon although I wonder if now they will have to be forced into some ground improvements. Really the ground is not that bad but it is very cramped for the supporters on all sides.

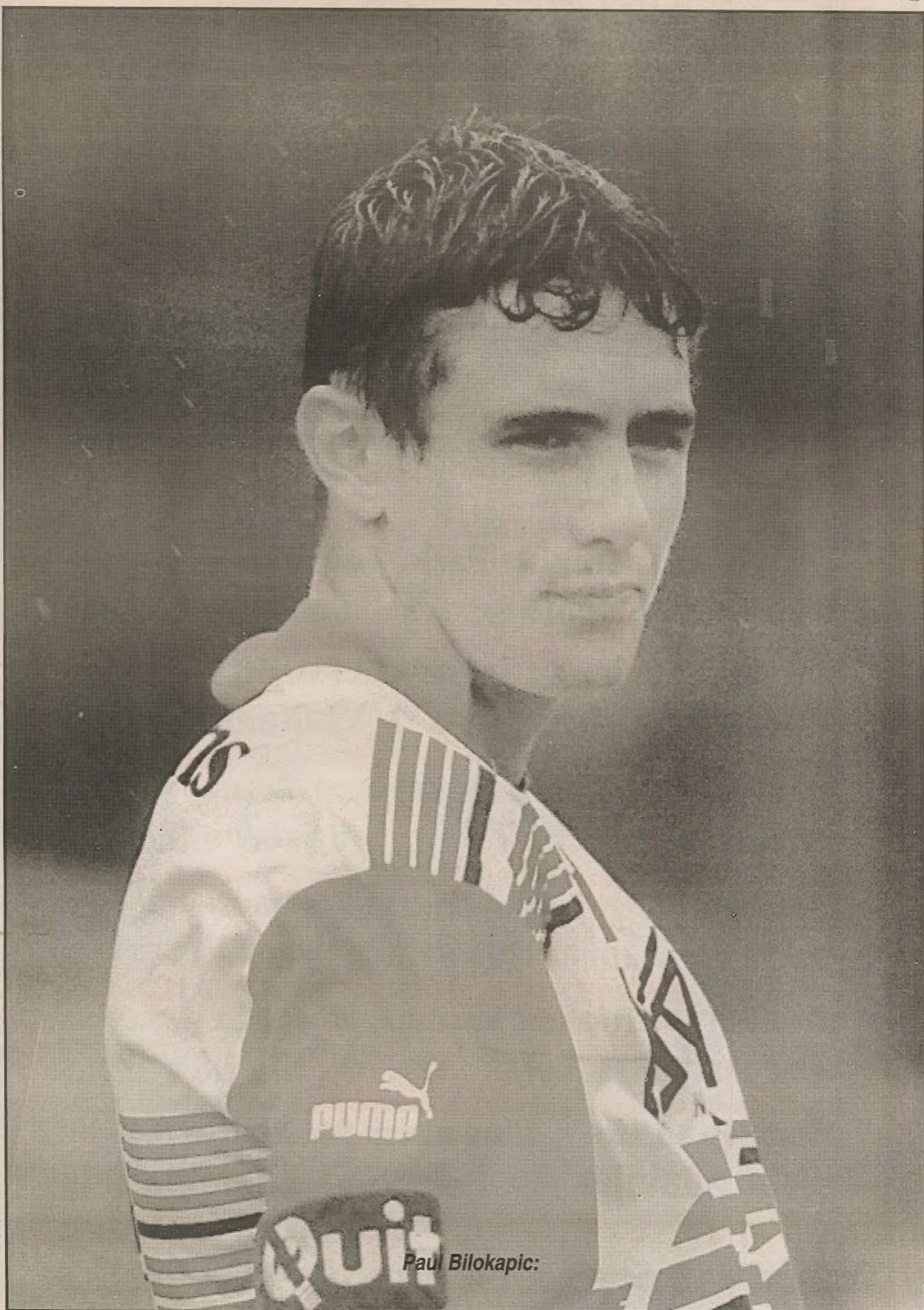
In 1951-2 Orient (in the Third South Division) played Cup ties against non League Gorleston, then Wrexham (3rd Nth Division), Everton, Birmingham (both 2nd Division), and Arsenal (2st Division).



Ryan Giggs: Found massive amount of room down the flanks.



Brian Irvine: Aberdeen captain hoping to improve on last season's performance.



Paul Bilokapic:

JOHNNIE WALKER CUP DRAW

FIRST ROUND — SECOND LEG



Tue Sep 10 **United Sports Ctr. — 7.30pm**
Sydney United v **UTS Olympic**

Fri Sep 13 **Falcons Park, Morwell — 7.30pm**
Gippsland Falcons v **South Melbourne**

Fri Sep 13 **Knights Park, Sunshine — 7.30pm**
Melbourne Knights v **Canberra Cosmos**

Fri/Sat Sep 13/14 **Marconi Fairfield — 7.30pm**
Marconi Fairfield v **Wollongong City**

Sun Sep 15 **Richlands Stadium, Bris. — 3.00pm**
Brisbane Lions v **Brisbane Strikers**

Wed Sep 18 **Hindmarsh Stadium — 5.30pm**
South Australian Reds v **Collingwood Warriors**

Wed Sep 18 **Breakers Stadium, Newcastle — 7.00pm**
Newcastle Breakers v **Nth NSW Lions**

Wed Sep 18 **Hindmarsh Stadium — 8.00pm**
West Adelaide v **Adelaide City**

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